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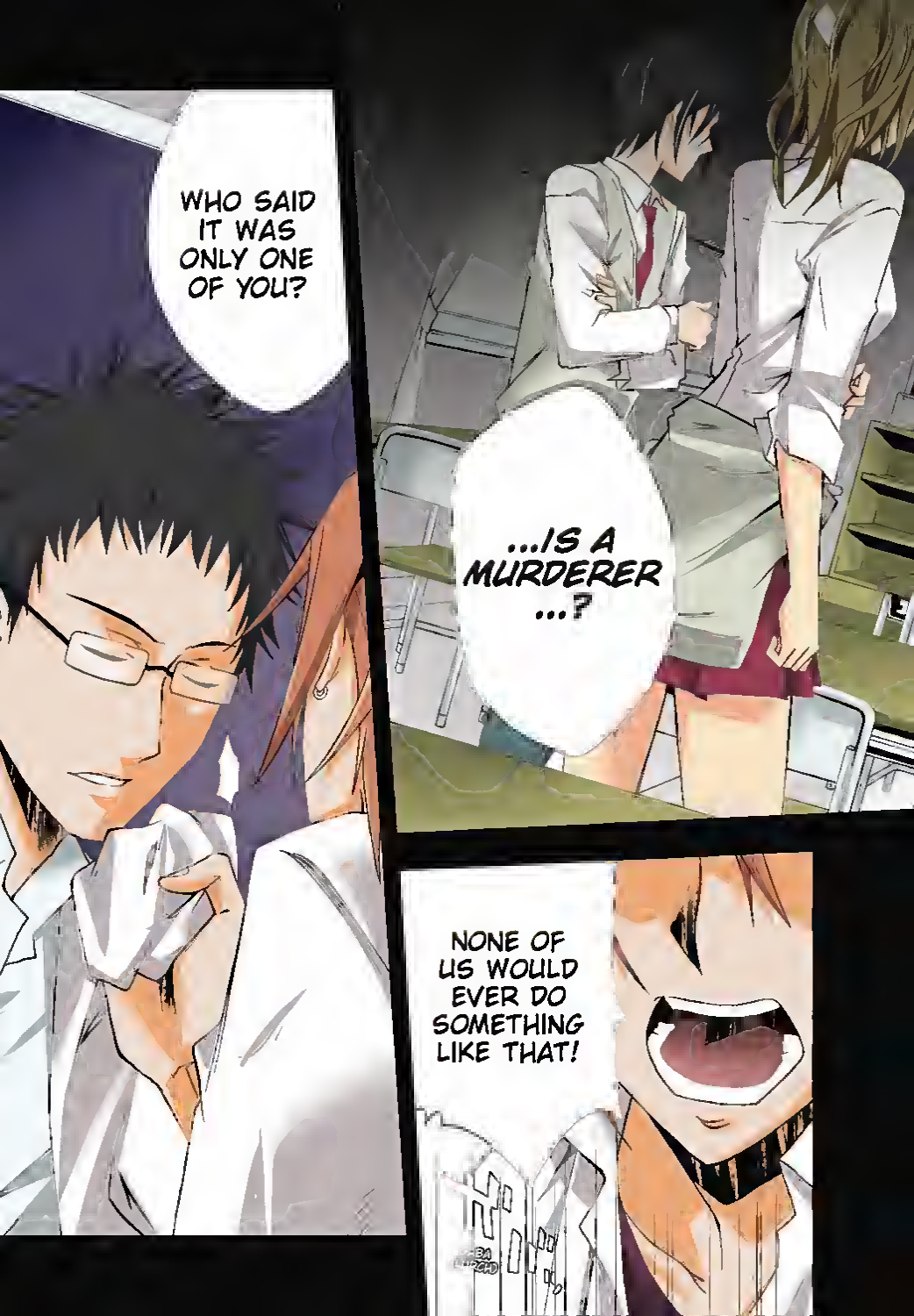
GA (WHAM)
.....!
ODZU!!
GU
GU (PUSH)
IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KINDA SICK JOKE?
IKU (FLINCH)
STAY OUT OF THIS, IKU!

WHO SAID IT WAS ONLY ONE OF YOU?
...IS A MURDERER ...?
YOU SAY ONE OF US...
NONE OF US WOULD EVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

YOU SAY ONE OF US...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WH.....
WHAT'RE YOU...
EH.....?
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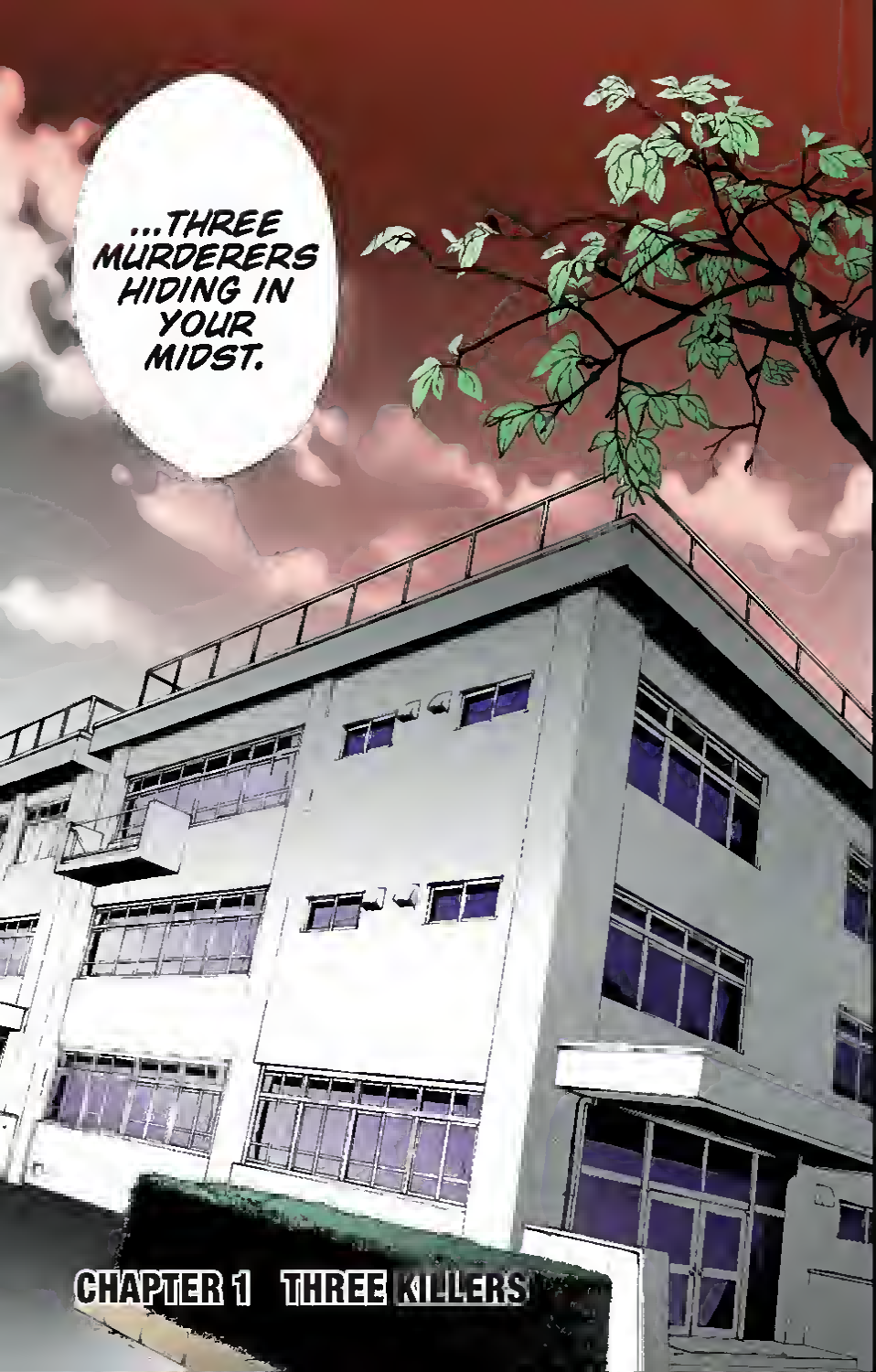
THERE ARE...


...THREE MURDERERS HIDING IN YOUR MIDST.
CHAPTER 1 THREE KILLERS

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THREE OF US .....?
2-D
SU (55K)
THAT'S RIGHT.
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
THEY SAID THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OUR LAST DAY OF COUNSELING.
H-HOLD ON, MITOMO-SENSEI!!

THIS ISN'T FUNNY, SO STOP IT!

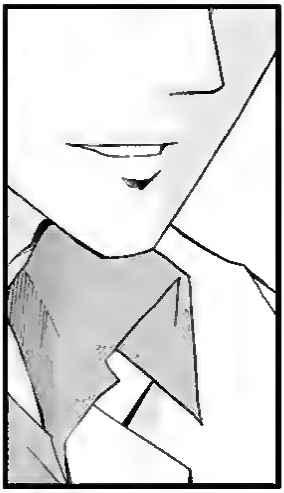
HOW CAN YOU TALK ABOUT MURDER .....?

YOU'RE NOT...

.....

...REFERRING TO THE BUS ACCIDENT AND FUTAMI-KUN'S SUICIDE, ARE YOU?
!?
EVEN THE POLICE SAID IT WAS AN ACCIDENT AND A SUICIDE.....
WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
DO YOU HAVE SOME EVIDENCE THEY WEREN'T!?

EVIDENCE? AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO.



WHA.....

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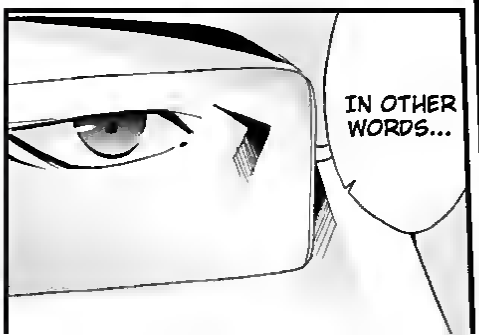
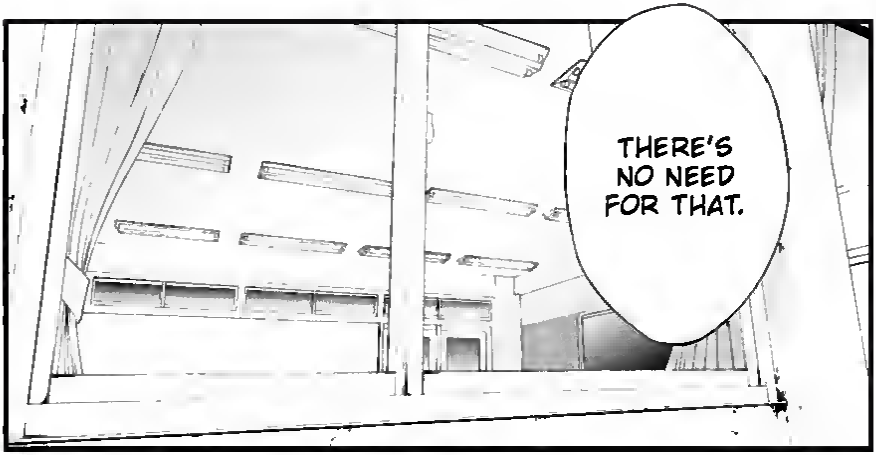

IN OTHER WORDS...

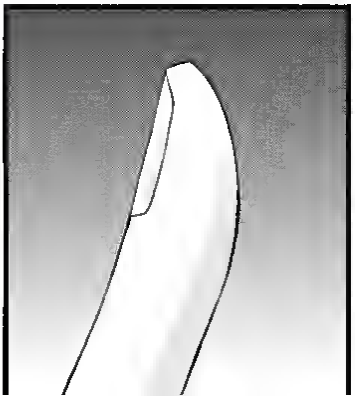
IS THAT RIGHT?
...YOU'VE GATHERED US ALL HERE...
...TO FIGURE OUT WHICH OF US ARE MURDERERS.
.....
.....NO.
IT'S NOT.
KA (CLACK)


THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT.

SU (SHF)
THEN ...!?

HUH?

SINCE I ALREADY KNOW WHO THE MURDERERS ARE.



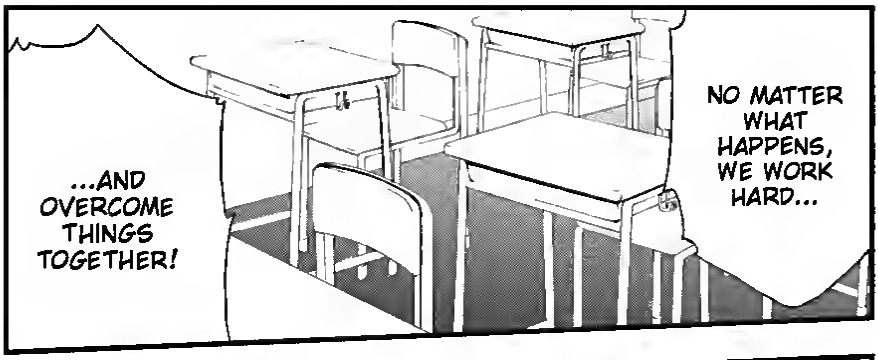
YOU GET ONE WEEK.
AFTER THAT, I TAKE THE EVIDENCE I HAVE TO THE POLICE.
FOR THE NEXT WEEK, I WANT ALL OF YOU TO THINK LONG AND HARD.
THINK ABOUT WHAT!?

I WANT THE THREE OF YOU WHO KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT TO USE THIS TIME TO ANGUISH OVER YOUR CRIMES...
...AND FIND SOME WAY TO ANSWER FOR THEM.
GARA (RATTLE)
ALTHOUGH IF I DIE, I SUPPOSE THE TRUTH COULD END UP BURIED FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES.
KA (CLACK)
.....
PISHA (SHUT)

SU (REACH)
YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY BELIEVE ALL THAT, DO YOU?
WHA..... WHAT THE HECK WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?
BIRI (STING)
BIRI
BASHI (SMACK)
STAY AWAY FROM ME!!
IS IT TRUE?
KUNIKIDA .....
GATA (RISE)

THAT SOME OF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE .....
...FOR KILLING FUTAMI-KUN... AND EVERYONE ELSE!!?

2 - D
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE COLLECTIVE STRENGTH OF CLASS D...?
GU. (GRIT)
ARE YOU REALLY GONNA FALL FOR WHAT THAT GUY SAID AND START SUSPECTING US ALL?


NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, WE WORK HARD...
...AND OVERCOME THINGS TOGETHER!

KA (CLACK)
HUH?

YOU'RE SUCH A SIMPLETON.

KURU (FWIP)
JUST LEAVE ME OUT OF IT, PLEASE.

GO RIGHT AHEAD AND KEEP ON PRETENDING TO BE ALL CHUMMY WITH ONE ANOTHER.

AMANO! HOW COULD YOU—

AND ME.

...I DON'T SEE WHAT REASON HE COULD HAVE TO GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO LIE ABOUT THIS.
I'VE BEEN FRIENDS WITH YOU A LONG TIME..... BUT...

GATA (CLATTER)
N.....
NEITHER DO I.....

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S TRUE ANYMORE...
I CAN'T TRUST IN ANYTHING.
SHIMA-KUN.....
I'LL GO STOP EVERYBODY FROM LEAVING!
.....

.....

ODZU.....

GU
(CLENCH)

I'M
SORRY.

JUST LET ME BE ALONE FOR A WHILE!

FOUR HOURS EARLIER
HOW'RE YOU DOING?
IKU!
LONG TIME NO SEE.....
...ALTHOUGH I GUESS IT'S ONLY BEEN FIVE DAYS.
ODZU.

DOES YOUR ARM STILL HURT.....?
WHAT THIS THING?
BUT YOU...
THAT DOCTOR WAS JUST OVER-REACTING.
I'M JUST LUCKY TO BE ALIVE.
IT'S FINE.

THAT'S.....
IT'S BEEN ONE MONTH SINCE THEN .....
ZAWA (MURMUR)
ZAWA
CHI (TSK)
IT'S THEM AGAIN...!

TODAY A MEMORIAL SERVICE IS BEING HELD AT THE SCHOOL OF THE STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT.
YOU CAN TRULY SENSE THE WEIGHT OF THIS TRAGEDY.
THE ATMOSPHERE HERE IS HEAVY.
ONLY SIX STUDENTS MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED.
BUT SUFFERING FROM SHOCK IN THE ACCIDENT'S AFTERMATH, ANOTHER STUDENT ENDED HIS OWN LIFE.

TWO ADULTS— A TEACHER AND THE DRIVER...
...AND THIRTY-ONE STUDENTS RIDING IN THE BUS LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE CRASH.

FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DECEASED ARE FURIOUS, OUTRAGED.
PASHA (FLASH)
THE BUS COMPANY IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE OF THE TRAGEDY.
PASHA
PON (PAT)
!
IT APPEARS THEY ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING TO FILE A LAWSUIT FOR DAMAGES.
.....
THERE'S NO REASON TO GIVE THEM MORE MATERIAL.
LET'S GO IN THROUGH THE BACK.
ODZU!

HEY.....
(FLASH)
IS THAT...
SHE'S HERE!!
.....!
RIKA .....!?

NO
PASHA (FLASH)
...WHY IS THE ONE OF US WHO STANDS OUT THE MOST GOING IN THROUGH THE FRONT?
THAT IDIOT...
NO
PASHA
PLEASE, A WORD FOR ALL YOUR CONCERNED FANS!
YOU'VE BEEN RESTING EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT.
UH..... OKAY.

LIVE
ONCE MY INJURIES ARE COMPLETELY HEALED, I WANT TO GET BACK IN FRONT OF EVERYONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
MY AGENCY TOLD ME TO TAKE A BREAK FOR A WHILE, JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE.
NOW, I'M SORRY...
...BUT I REALLY HAVE TO GO...
JUST ONE MORE QUESTION...

THERE ARE RUMORS THAT YOU'LL BE RETIRING FROM SHOW BUSINESS DUE TO YOUR INJURIES.....
WELL? IS THERE ANY TRUTH TO THAT?
PASHA (FLASH)
PASHA
DON'T YOU WANT TO RESPOND .....?
RIKA...!

I THINK THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH.
S.....
AND WHO ARE YOU?
I'M THE COUNSELOR WHO'S BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE CARE OF THESE STUDENTS.
JIRO (GLARE)
.....
SENSEI!

TERRIBLY SORRY, BUT...
SU (CLICK)
...FOR THE WELL-BEING OF MY STUDENTS, I NEED YOU TO STOP THIS.
BUT...
...WE HAVE A RIGHT TO REPORT. IT'S CALLED FREEDOM OF THE PRESS...
AND ARE YOU GOING TO THOUGHTLESSLY EXERCISE THAT RIGHT...
GU (CLICK)
...UNTIL YOU DRIVE YET ANOTHER STUDENT TO SUICIDE?
WHA —!?

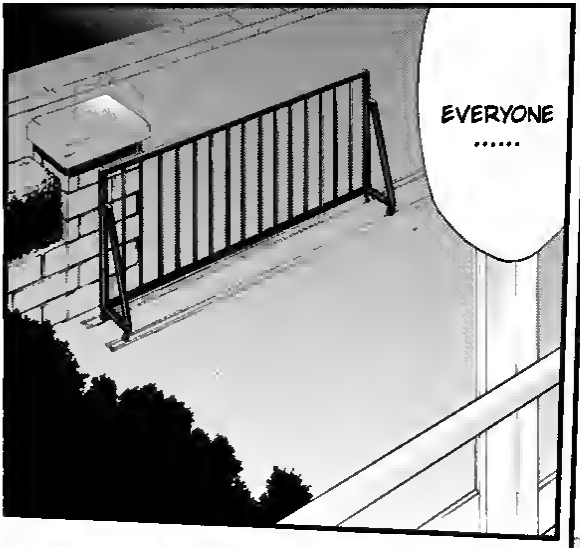
I WAS CALLED HERE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THESE STUDENTS FROM PEOPLE SUCH AS YOURSELVES.
YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO TELL ME THAT YOU DON'T ALL SHARE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT, ARE YOU?
IF YOU INSIST, I COULD FILE OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS.
.....PHEW.

NIKO (SMILE)
ニコ
THIS IS PART OF MY JOB, AFTER ALL.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THINK NOTHING OF IT.
PEKO (BOW)
SANADA-KUN. ODZU-KUN.
I'D EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM MITOMO-SENSEI.
AFTER FUTAMI-KUN DID WHAT HE DID, WE WERE ALL AT A LOSS...
YOU SHOULD JUST STAY ON HERE AS A TEACHER FOREVER.

WE'RE ALL REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU, SENSEI.
AND IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT EVERYONE WAS ABLE TO REACH SOME LEVEL OF MENTAL STABILITY.
.....
SANADA-KUN.
AFTER THE MEMORIAL, CAN YOU BRING EVERYONE TO CLASSROOM D?

THIS WILL BE YOUR FINAL SESSION.
SURE.....
BUT WHY? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
WHY.....?
BECAUSE YOUR COUNSELING IS ALMOST COMPLETE.

KA
(CLACK)


EVERYONE
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THAT CLASSROOM IS.....
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
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GOSO
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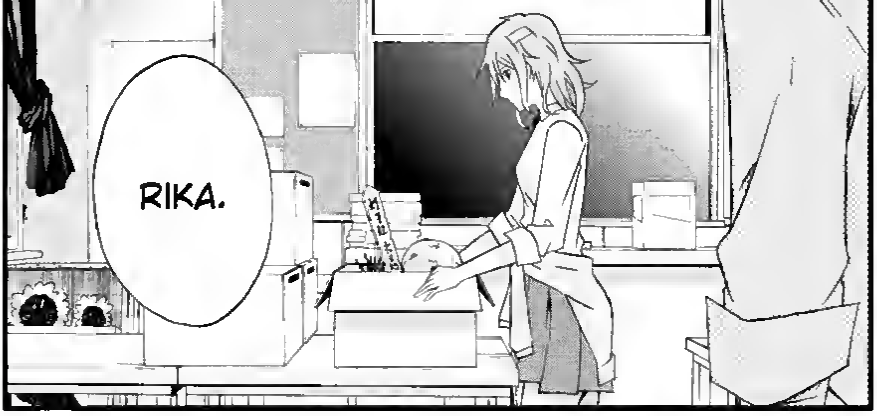
RIKA.

EVEN THOUGH I SAID I'D STOP THEM FROM LEAVING...
...I WASN'T ABLE TO BRING A SINGLE ONE OF THEM BACK TO THE CLASSROOM...

.....I'M SORRY.

ARE THOSE...
...THE PROPS WE MADE FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL...?

THIS ART ROOM...
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
...WE WERE ALLOWED TO STORE OUR CLASS'S STUFF HERE.
I STARTED FEELING NOSTALGIC AND WOUND UP HERE.
IT WAS REALLY POPULAR, HUH?
OUR HAUNTED HOUSE.....
KYU (SQUEAK)

WE ALL STAYED AFTER SCHOOL EVERY DAY TO PREPARE FOR IT.
GRAVE MARKER: TANAKA FAMILY GRAVE—

お化け屋敷
IT ALMOST LOOKED LIKE THE REAL DEAL!
SIGN: HAUNTED HOUSE

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN...
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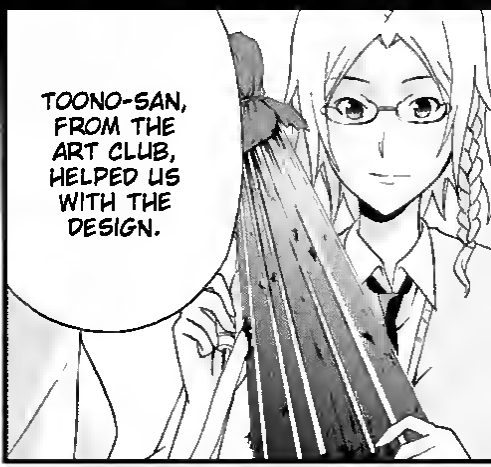
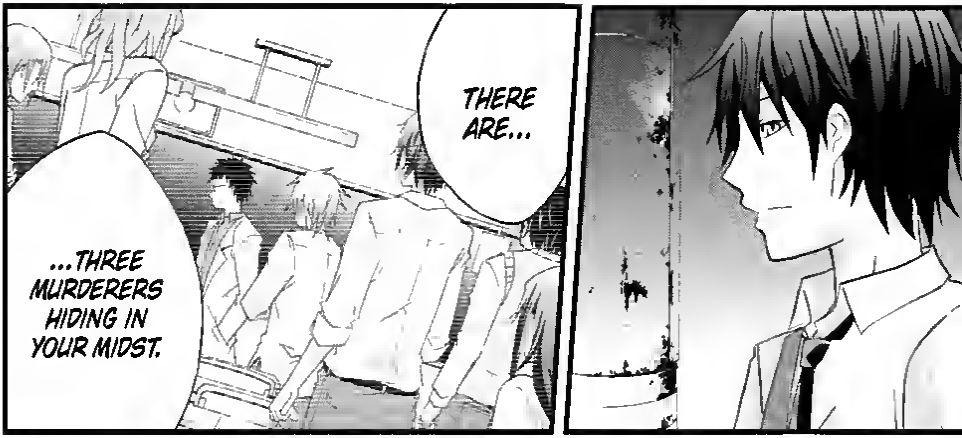

TOONO-SAN, FROM THE ART CLUB, HELPED US WITH THE DESIGN.

...DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT THE ACCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY SOMEONE IN OUR CLASS?
RIKA.....
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT...

...IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT ACCIDENT...
...I BET FUTAMI-KUN WOULD STILL BE ALIVE.....
SU (SHF)
WELL.
I SHOULD HEAD HOME NOW.
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME.....
SANADA-KUN.

YEAH.
NIKO (GRIN)
SEE YA LATER!
SEE YOU TOMORROW.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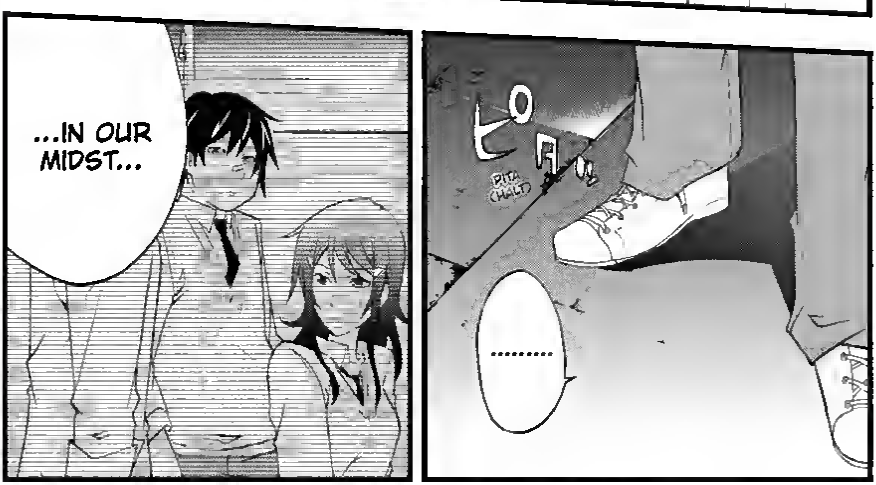
...THREE MURDERERS HIDING IN YOUR MIDST.

THREE PEOPLE .....


...IN OUR MIDST...
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PITA (HALT)
.....

...
MURDERED
.....
GASHA
CLANK

I'M HOME.
KACHA (CLICK)
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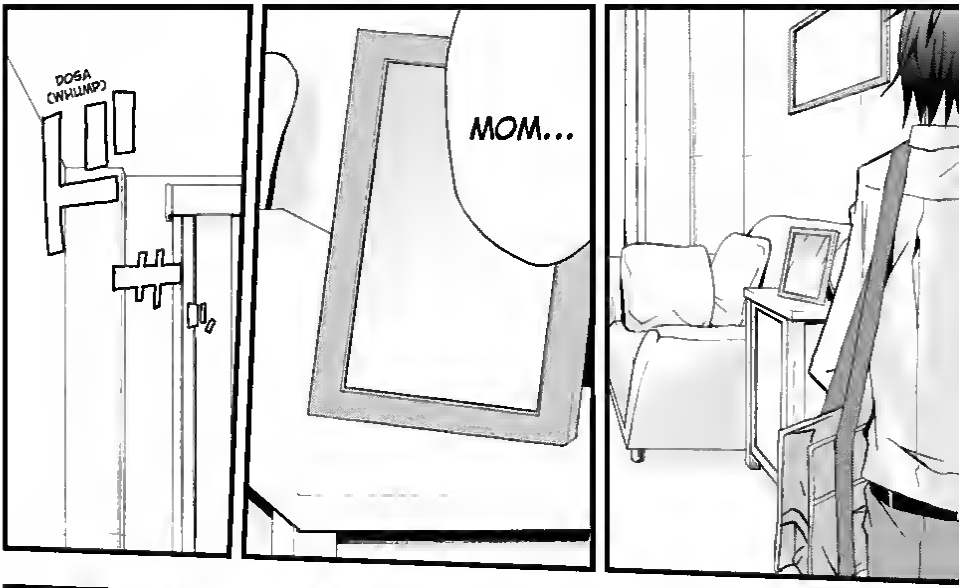
DOSA (WHUMP)
MOM...

.....

I.....
(ROOOAR)

POTA (DRIP)
POTA
...I'VE...
GOOO (ROOOAR)

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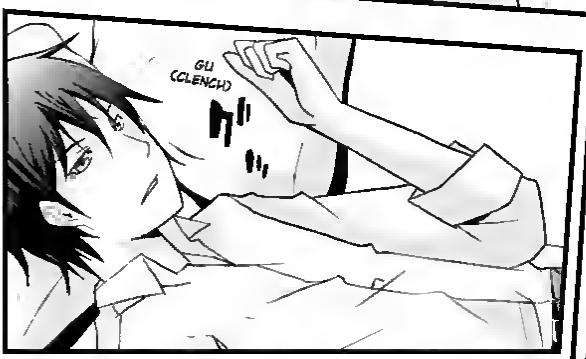
GOGO
(RODOAR)

POTA (DRIP)
POTA
...I'VE...


GU
(CLENCH)

...KILLED AGAIN.

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CHAPTER 2 EYEWITNESS

I CAN'T USE MY LEFT HAND, SO FORGIVE ME.
SL
(DROP)

SORRY TO HAVE TO DO THIS WITH JUST ONE HAND.

KISARAGI
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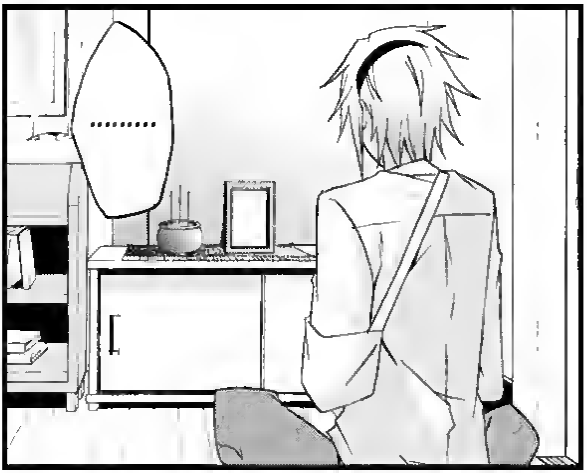
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GU (SQUEEZE)
IF I HADN'T ASKED YOU...
I'M SO SORRY...

KISARAGI-SAN, SATOU-SAN.

WHY? WHAT'S WRONG?
SORRY TO ASK. BUT COULD YOU SWITCH SEATS WITH US?

ODZU-KUN?
NIKO (SMILE)

I'M PAIRED WITH AMANO, AND IT TURNS OUT HE GETS CARSICK.
I THINK HE'D FEEL BETTER IF HE SAT CLOSER TO THE FRONT.

PIKIIN (GLINT)
BAT
(FLAIL)
O-OH... UMM.....

.....
TSUN (NUDGE)
TSUN
AWESOME, YOU'RE A LIFESAVER!

SURE, FINE BY US!
REALLY!?

AH... UMM...
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME...
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
GOSO
...COOKIES I MADE AS A SNACK?
SU (SHT)
WOW!! THEY LOOK LIKE THEY COULD'VE COME FROM A BAKERY!
N-NO, THEY'RE NOTHING SPECIAL...
THANKS A BUNCH, KISARAGI!

WAI (CHATTER)
SURE.....
AMANO.
YOU TOOK THE MEDICINE SENSEI GAVE YOU, RIGHT?
DO YOU STILL FEEL SICK?
THE GIRLS IN THE SEATS UP FRONT SAID THEY'LL SWITCH WITH US.
YEAH.....

YORO (WOBBLE)
IKU (FLINCH)
HEEEY, SHIMA!
YOU SHOULD FEEL A LITTLE LESS QUEASY IF YOU SIT UP FRONT.
GO GET ME SOMETHING TO DRINK.
OKAY.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
GUR (LUCK)
WAH!

HEY! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!?
ARE THE ROADS BAD OR SOMETHING? THE BUS IS SWERVING A TON...
SAYING SORRY DOESN'T MAKE IT ALL BETTER!
S— SORRY!
WHY'RE YOU WANDERING AROUND INSTEAD OF SITTING IN YOUR SEAT!?
KUNIKIDA-SAN'S SCARY. HUH...?
THANKS TO YOU, MY CLOTHES ARE DRENCHED!

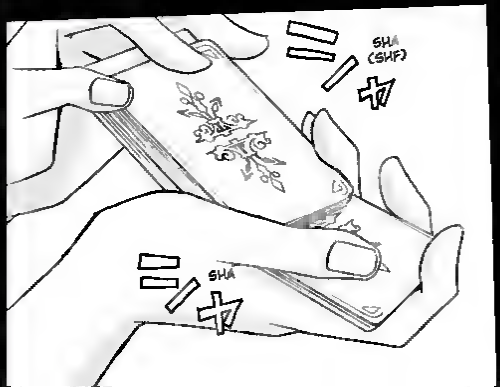
LET ME KNOW IF YOU START FEELING WORSE.
HUH?
NOBODY'S SITTING NEXT TO YOU, IKU?
FUTAMI WAS SUPPOSED TO SIT THERE.
BUT THEY SAID HE WASN'T FEELING WELL TODAY.
SWEET! THEN I'M GONNA SIT HERE!
SCOOT OVER, IKU.
ZUI (SLIDE)
FINE.....

JOKER
I PULLED THE OLD MAID AGAIN!

THIS TRIP IS SUCH A RARE OPPORTUNITY. IT'S TOO BAD FUTAMI COULDN'T COME WITH THE REST OF US.....
AH!

ALL RIGHT!
I'LL JOIN THE NEXT HAND!

I LOSE.


SHA (SHF)
SHA

PEOPLE WERE SAYING YOU WOULDN'T MAKE IT.
...IT'S GREAT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO COME, RIKA-CHAN!
BUT, Y'KNOW...
.....
AND IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN REALLY BUSY RECENTLY, WITH ALL YOUR TV APPEARANCES.
...NOT TO COME ON THIS FIELD TRIP.
...ACTUALLY, MY COMPANY TOLD ME...

THAT'S AMAZING.
I'M ALREADY SCHEDULED TO PERFORM IN MY FIRST MOVIE...
...SO I'M GONNA BE WAY BUSIER THAN I HAVE BEEN SO FAR.
ONCE I'M A SENIOR, I'LL BE EVEN BUSIER...
...AND I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO COME TO SCHOOL AS MUCH.
...I INSISTED ON COMING THIS TIME.
THAT'S WHY...
GYU (CLENCH)

IN THAT CASE, YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE LOTS OF FUN.
ODZU-KUN...
LET'S HAVE...
...THE BEST FIELD TRIP EVER, CLASS D!

GARI (SCRAPE)
GA
YEAH!
GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
GOSO (RUSTLE)
...THE BUS KEEPS SWERVING.
BUT SERIOUSLY ...
SU (RISE)
OKAY.
I'M GONNA HEAD UP FRONT AND SEE WHAT THE DEAL IS.

!
PAKU (CHOMP)
NIKO (SMILE)
SENSEI HAS TOTALLY PASSED OUT...
...SHEESH.

...WE'VE BEEN SWERVING A LOT FOR A WHILE NOW. IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
KON (KNOCK)
KON
UMM...
.....
HEY, ARE YOU LISTEN—
EVERY-ONE...
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?

HUH?
BA (CRASH)
...GRAB ON TO SOMETHING!
YOU GOT A SCREW LOOSE?
GU (CLENCH)
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, ODZU?
GARI (SCRAPE)
JUST HURRY UP AND.....
WHAT'RE YOU YELLING ABOUT—?

DOG (CRASH)
BAGAN (CLUNK)

GAGAN
(GATUNK)

DOGA
CRASH!

GA (TUNK)
GA
GI (SCREE)

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!?
YORO (STAGGER)
URRGH...
SHIT.....

UHN...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
RIKA...
IKU!?
RIKA...
GARA (RATTLE)
...HANG IN THERE!

NO WAY
.....
POTA (DRIP)
POTA
POTA
UHHH...
THIS...

C.....
...CAN'T BE HAPPENING .....

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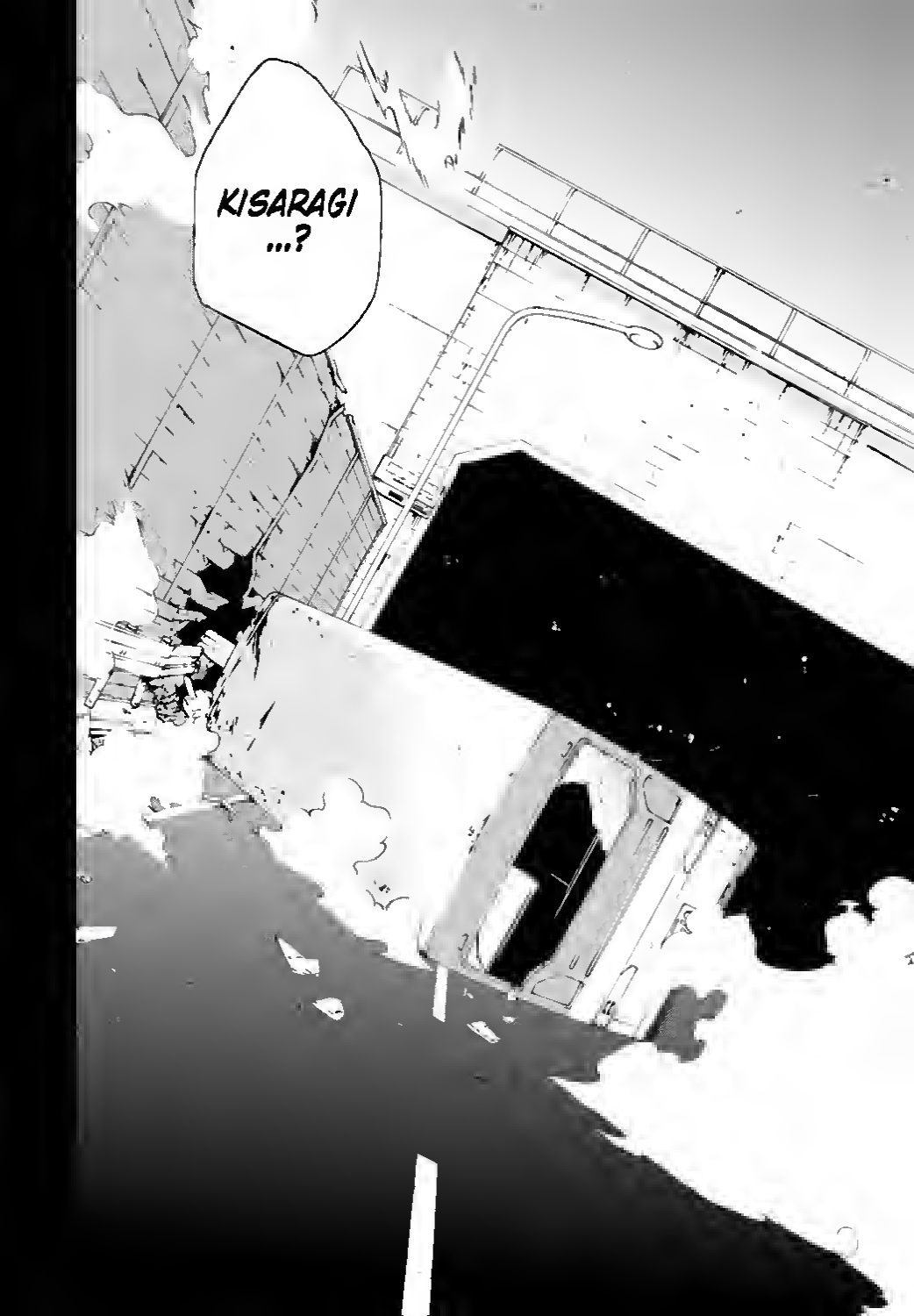
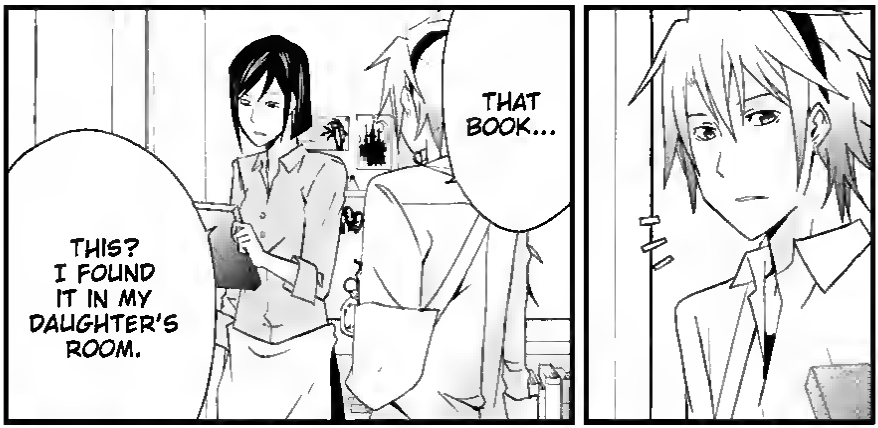
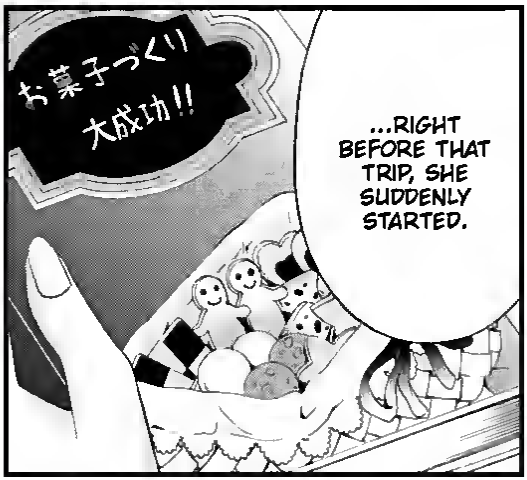

KISARAGI
...?

...BACK THEN...
...IF I HADN'T ASKED YOU TO SWITCH SEATS WITH US, THIS NEVER WOULD'VE...
OH, ARE YOU GOING HOME ALREADY?
SU (RISE)
GU (CLENCH)



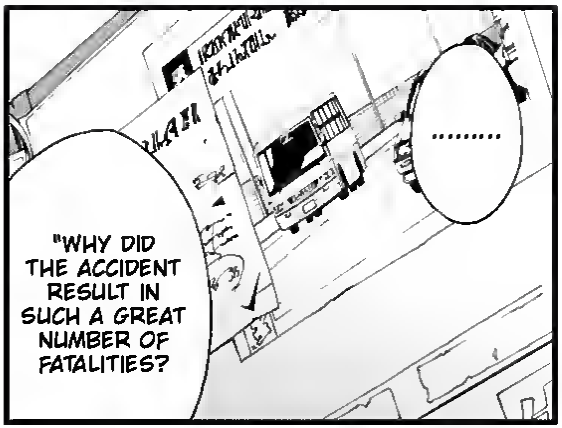
BOOK. MAKING SWEETS SUCCESSFULLY!!



.....
SHE MUST'VE WANTED TO GIVE THEM TO THE BOY SHE LIKED.
I SEE...
THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.
IT WAS MY PLEASURE.
PLEASE DO COME VISIT HER AGAIN.

SIGN. INFIRMARY

SU (LIFT)
WHAT'S THIS.....?
.....
NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ABOUT THE BUS ACCIDENT?


"WHY DID THE ACCIDENT RESULT IN SUCH A GREAT NUMBER OF FATALITIES?
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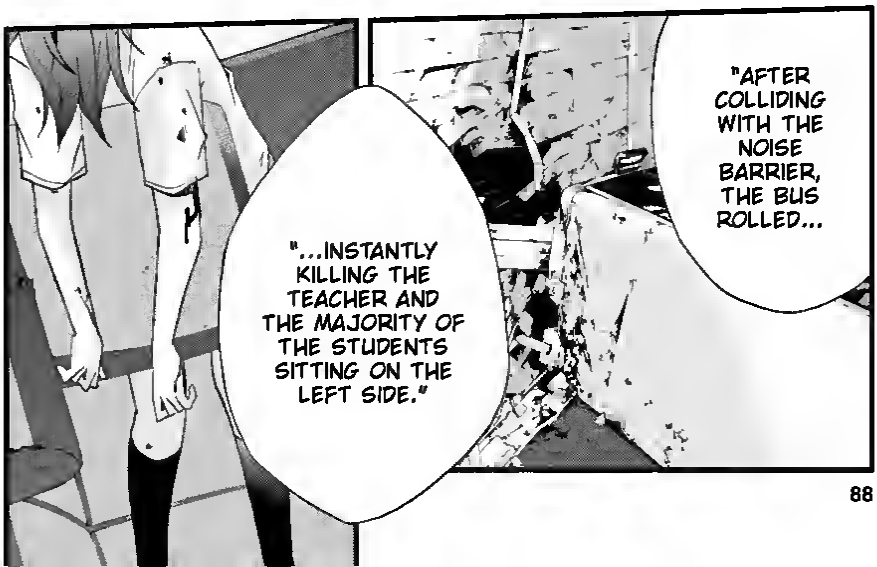
PIKU
CTWITCHO

"...IT IS BELIEVED THAT, IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH, NEARLY HALF THE STUDENTS WERE STILL ALIVE.
"THE INCIDENT WAS THE RESULT OF DRIVER ERROR. HOWEVER...


"...INSTANTLY KILLING THE TEACHER AND THE MAJORITY OF THE STUDENTS SITTING ON THE LEFT SIDE."
"AFTER COLLIDING WITH THE NOISE BARRIER, THE BUS ROLLED...

"AFTERWARD A FIRE BROKE OUT AS A RESULT OF DAMAGE THE BATTERY SUSTAINED.
"THE STUDENTS WHO FAILED TO ESCAPE LOST THEIR LIVES DUE TO THE FLAMES AND SMOKE."
.....
SHEESH.
HE SAID HE HAD EVIDENCE, AND HERE I WAS, WONDERING WHAT IT WAS...
PATA (SHLIT)

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT A MURDER WRITTEN IN HERE.
BAN (SLAM)
.....
EVIDENCE? AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO.

MAYBE...
SU (REACH)
...IN THIS DESK.....
HEY!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OVER THERE!?
BA (JUMP)

DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MITOMO.
FLI CHEHD
AMANO .....?
BY THE WAY...
...THERE ISN'T ANYTHING IN THAT DRAWER.
HE'S GOT A MEETING, SO HE WON'T BE BACK FOR ANOTHER HALF HOUR.

IF MITOMO'S SUPPOSED EVIDENCE ACTUALLY EXISTS, IT CERTAINLY ISN'T ANYWHERE IN HERE.....
SO YOU'VE ALREADY CHECKED?
YEP.
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I BELIEVED EVERYTHING HE WAS SAYING.
RIGHT .....
...COME TO THINK OF IT, SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN CLASS?
OTHER THAN IKU AND ME, EVERYONE WAS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CLASSROOMS, RIGHT?

I'M FOLLOWING DOCTOR'S ORDERS.
IDIOT.
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK. AREN'T YOU DOING THE SAME?
I'M SKIPPING.
WHOA.

BECAUSE IKU AND I BOTH INHALED A LOT OF SMOKE...

THAT SO?
...WE'RE TAKING LESSONS IN THE INFIRMARY FOR A WHILE, SO THEY CAN MONITOR OUR CONDITION.

IT'S ONE THING FOR ME TO DO THIS, BUT I NEVER WOULD'VE EXPECTED IT OF YOU.
STILL, THIS IS A SURPRISE.
NO.
THAT'S NOT IT.
DO YOU THINK THE PERSON WHO CAUSED THE BUS ACCIDENT IS IN OUR CLASS?

BOTTLE: ANTISEPTIC FOR CUTS AND SCRAPES

.....
IT WAS RIGHT AFTER THE ACCIDENT.....
PARI (CRACKLE)
!!
BECAUSE I'D HIT MY HEAD, EVERYTHING WAS KINDA BLURRY...
...AND I WAS ONLY SEMI-CONSCIOUS.

BUT THERE WAS...
...SOMEBODY STANDING STOCK-STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BUS...

...SOMEBODY WHOSE HANDS WERE STAINED RED WITH BLOOD.....

UP UNTIL NOW, I THOUGHT IT WAS AN ILLUSION BROUGHT ON BY SHOCK FROM THE ACCIDENT...

SO IT WASN'T A DREAM— YOU REALLY SAW THAT?
.....

MAKES SENSE.
BUT AFTER EVERYTHING MITOMO SAID YESTERDAY...
...I STARTED WONDERING .....
IF WHAT MITOMO SAID ABOUT THERE BEING THREE KILLERS IS TRUE...
...THEN WHAT YOU SAW PROBABLY REALLY DID HAPPEN.
YOU DON'T THINK.....

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S SOMEONE WHO...
...SEIZED UPON THE ACCIDENT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMIT MURDER.
NO.....
.....

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S SOMEONE WHO...
...SEIZED UPON THE ACCIDENT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMIT MURDER.

NO.....
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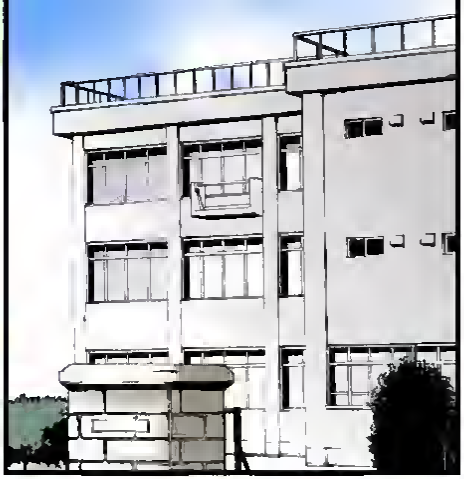
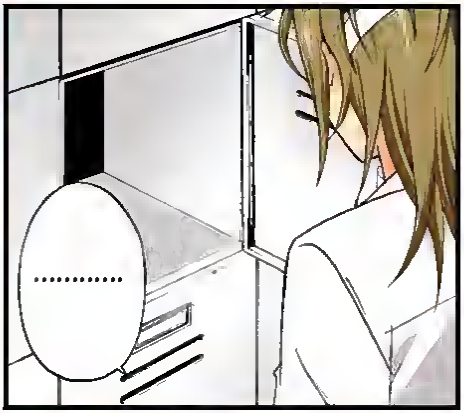
Secret

WAI
WAI
(CHATTER)
BATAN
(SLAM)

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IT'S
EMPTY
TODAY
TOO...

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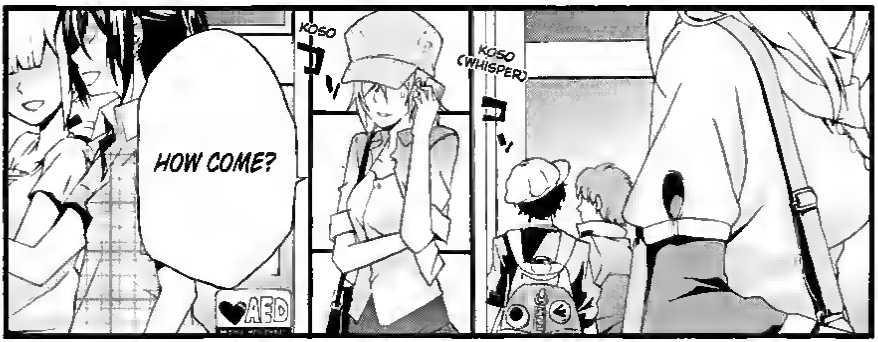


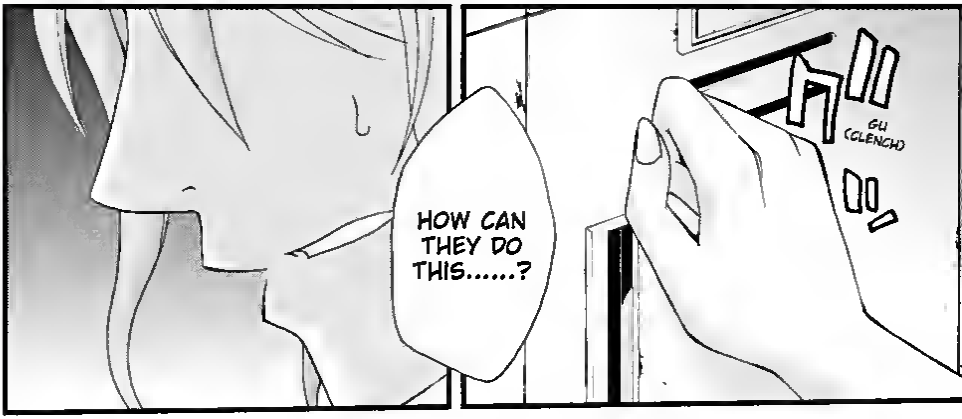
Now, now. Calm down, Rika-chan.

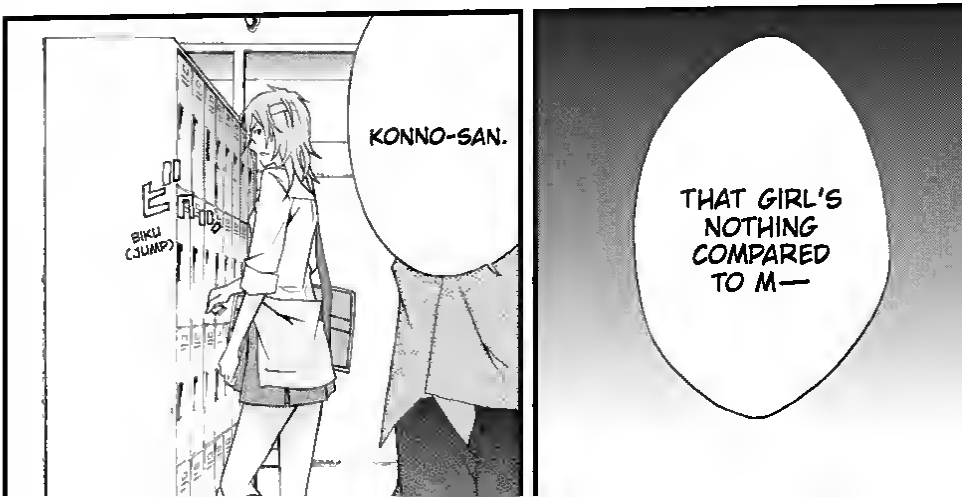
We're thinking about how best to stage your comeback, so...
It hasn't been that long since the accident...
ZAWA
ZAWA (MURMUR)
...as soon as the time is right, we'll let you know.
It's fine. Your fans will wait for you.
GU (GRIP)
Okay?

.....
ALL RIGHT.....
PI
(BEEP)
So you're here promoting a movie today?
Yes!
THAT GIRL...
SHE'S ONE OF THE NEWBIES AT MY AGENCY.....

I might come up short...
...but I'm going to give it my all as Rika-san's substitute.
HUH.....?
Looks like you've got plenty of enthusiasm!
I'm sure Rika-chan can rest comfortably, knowing that Nagisa-chan from her agency is on the job.

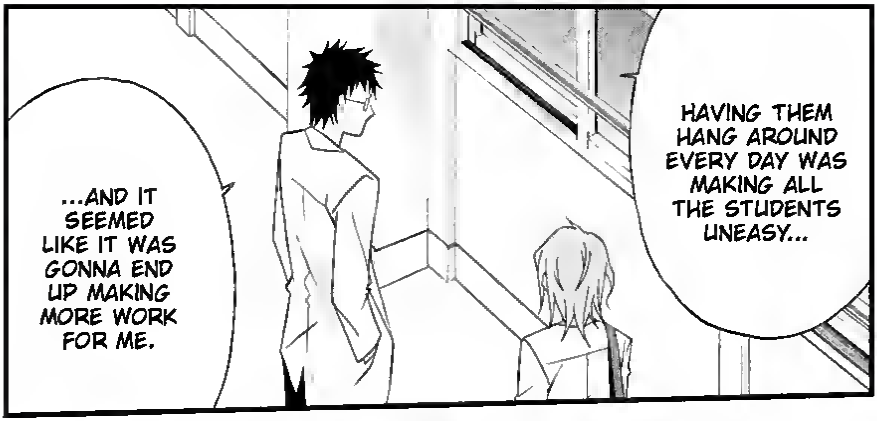
I'm looking forward to your performance!
Thank you!!
THAT WAS MY MOVIE...
NO.....

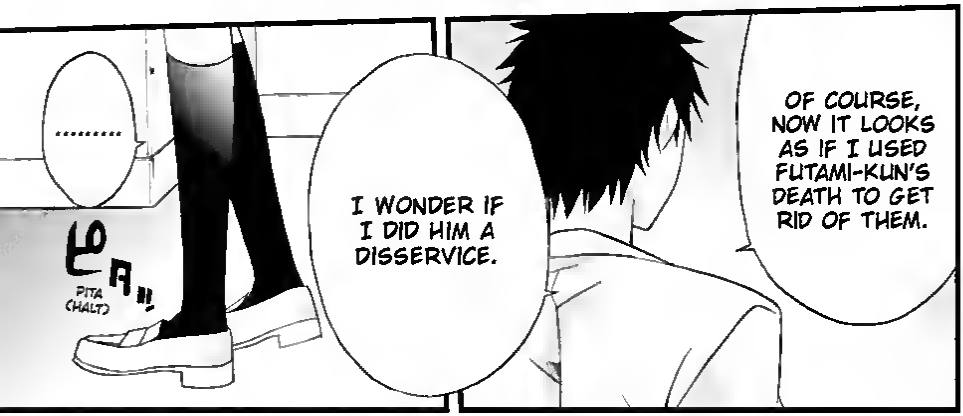

HOW CAN THEY DO THIS.....?
GU (CLENCH)


KONNO-SAN.
BIKU (JUMP)
THAT GIRL'S NOTHING COMPARED TO M—

IF YOU DON'T MIND, HOW ABOUT I WALK YOU PARTWAY TO CLASS?
I DON'T THINK.....
MITOMO-SENSEI.....
GYU (SQUEEZE)
.....
I CAN GIVE YOU A LITTLE COUNSELING ON THE WAY...
NIKO (SMILE)
OH, COME ON.

LOOKS LIKE...
...YOU GOT IN TODAY WITHOUT TOO MUCH OF A FUSS.
AND IT APPEARS THERE ARE FEWER REPORTERS THAN THERE WERE YESTERDAY.
.....DON'T YOU THINK IT'S RATHER DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO COME, AFTER WHAT YOU SAID YESTERDAY?
HA-HA.
WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF.

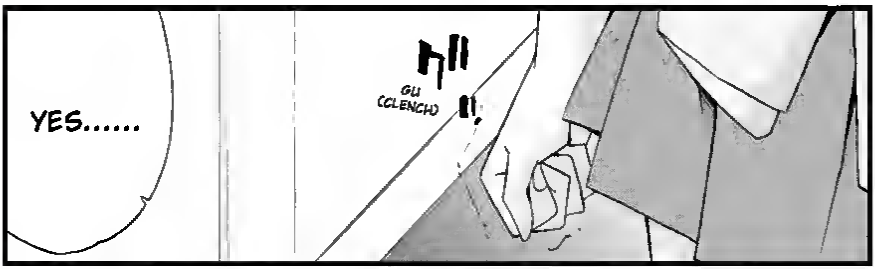

HAVING THEM HANG AROUND EVERY DAY WAS MAKING ALL THE STUDENTS UNEASY...
...AND IT SEEMED LIKE IT WAS GONNA END UP MAKING MORE WORK FOR ME.


OF COURSE, NOW IT LOOKS AS IF I USED FUTAMI-KUN'S DEATH TO GET RID OF THEM.
I WONDER IF I DID HIM A DISSERVICE.
.....
PITA (HALT)

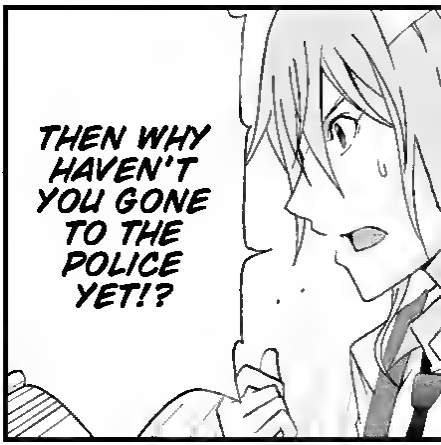
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?
HMM...?

KI (GLARE)

YOU SAID THAT THREE OF US WERE MURDERERS...
...DO YOU SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT?


YES.....
GU (CLENCH)

WHAT'S ALL THIS "ONE WEEK" NONSENSE ...!?

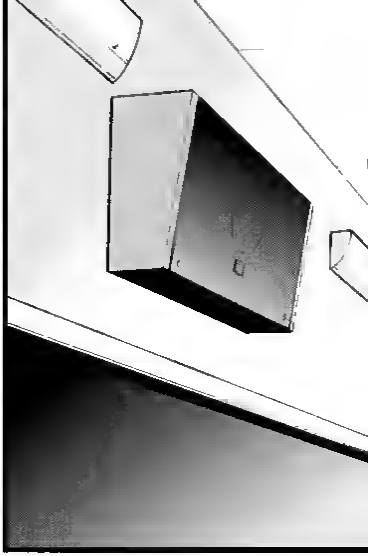

THEN WHY HAVEN'T YOU GONE TO THE POLICE YET!?

PLEASE, JUST HURRY UP AND END THIS!!
I CAN'T DO THAT.
.....
YOU NEVER ANSWERED ME YESTERDAY...
MITOMO-SENSEI.

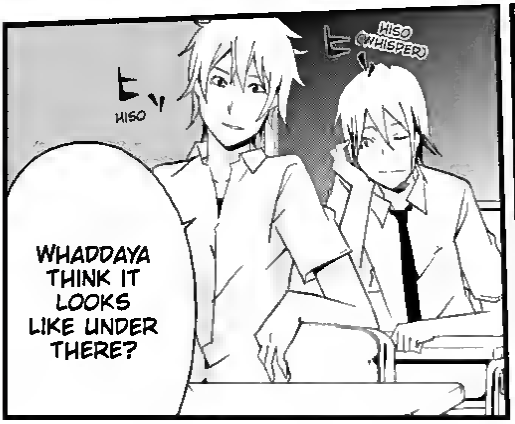
IS ONE OF THOSE MURDERERS ...
...RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUS ACCIDENT?
BUT...
...IF AMONG THE SURVIVORS...
..... HARD TO SAY.

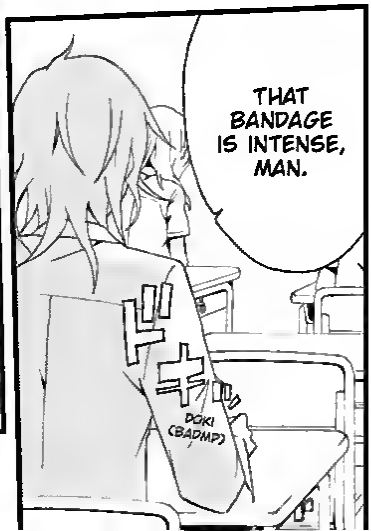
...ONE OF YOU DID CAUSE THE ACCIDENT...
...WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
DO ABOUT IT...?
WE'LL HAVE TO END OUR COUNSELING SESSION HERE.
KA (CLACK)
09:00
CLASS IS STARTING SOON.

...AND THAT'S WHY...
KA
KA (CLACK)

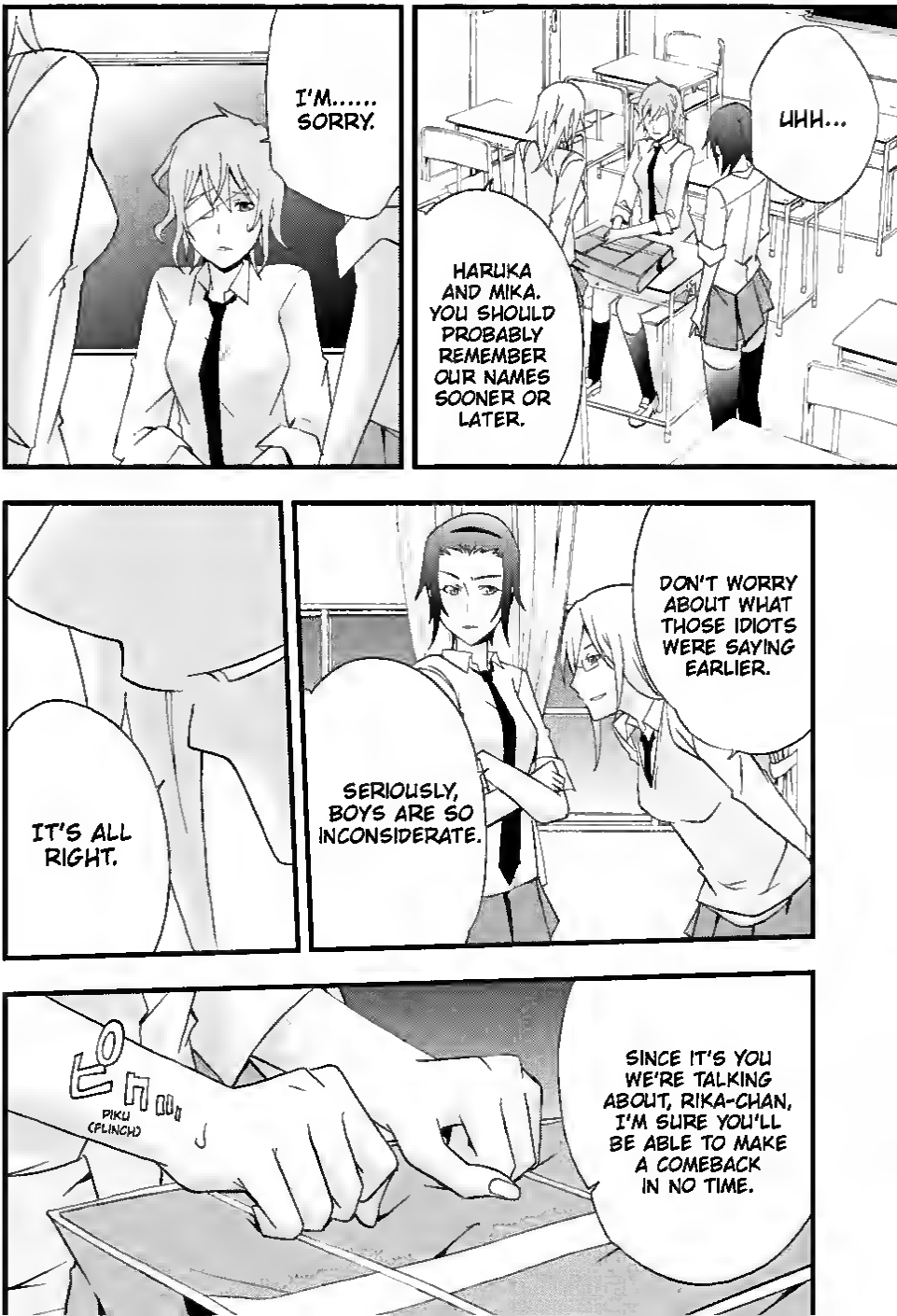


...YOU NEED TO USE AN "X" IN THIS FORMULA.
KA


HISO (WHISPER)
HISO
WHADDAYA THINK IT LOOKS LIKE UNDER THERE?

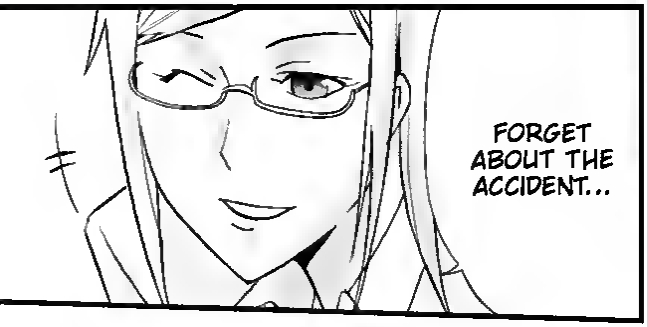

THAT BANDAGE IS INTENSE, MAN.
DOKI (BADUMP)

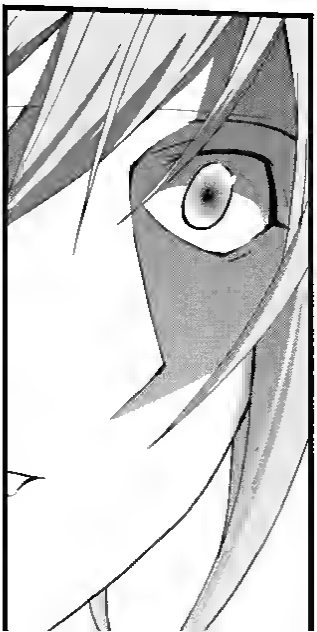
WANNA GO HANG OUT SOMEWHERE?
STUPID! SHE CAN HEAR YOU!
SORRY, CAN'T.
I'VE GOTTA GO TO MY CLUB.
RIKA-CHAN.
.....
WHAAAT? LAME.
WAI
WAI (CHATTER)


I'M..... SORRY.
UHH...
HARUKA AND MIKA. YOU SHOULD PROBABLY REMEMBER OUR NAMES SOONER OR LATER.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
SERIOUSLY, BOYS ARE SO INCONSIDERATE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT THOSE IDIOTS WERE SAYING EARLIER.
PIKU (FLINCH)
SINCE IT'S YOU WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, RIKA-CHAN, I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE A COMEBACK IN NO TIME.

YOU SHOULD COME WITH US, RIKA-CHAN!
A WHOLE BUNCH OF US ARE GOING OUT TO HAVE SOME FUN.

TH.....
THANK YOU.....


FORGET ABOUT THE ACCIDENT...



...AND LET'S MAKE SOME GREAT MEMORIES TOGETHER!

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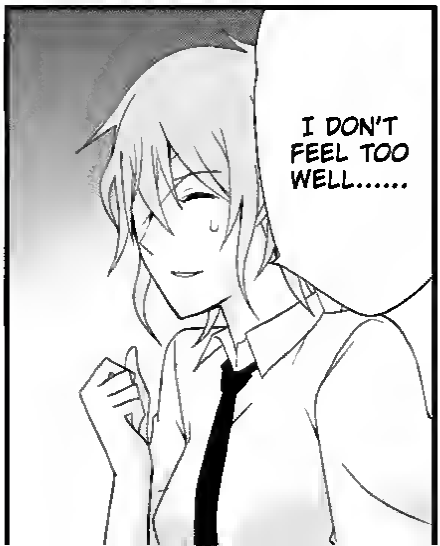
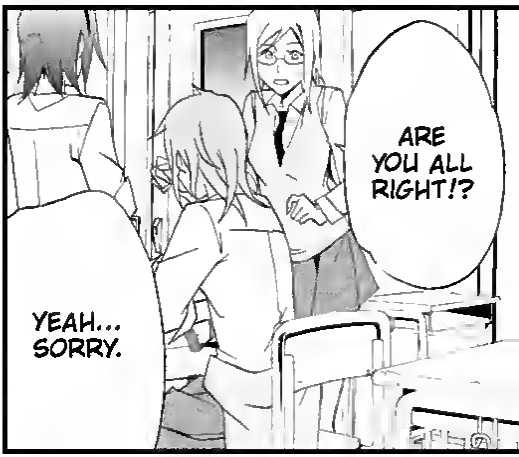
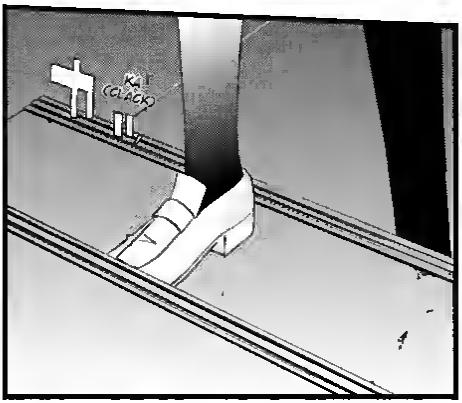
YORO (SWAY)
RIKA-CHAN!?
.....!

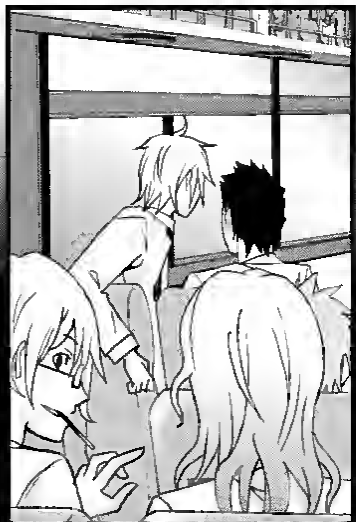

I DON'T FEEL TOO WELL.....


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
YEAH... SORRY.

...SO I'LL HAVE TO PASS THIS TIME.

YORO
MEMORIES... HUH.


KA-T (CLACK)



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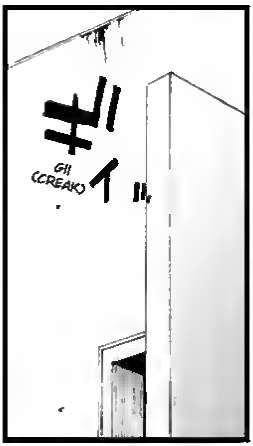
KYAA (EEK?)
SIGN: HAUNTED HOUSE
お化け屋敷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GI (CREAK)

THERE ARE THREE MURDERERS HIDING IN YOUR MIDST.

.....
GU (CLENCH)

WHY DID THINGS HAVE TO TURN OUT THIS WAY...?
.....
I'M SUPPOSED TO SUSPECT THE CLASSMATES I THOUGHT WERE MY FRIENDS?

ISN'T THERE ANYWHERE IN THIS SCHOOL I CAN BE BY MYSELF?
AH.....

DO YOU MIND!?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP HERE!?
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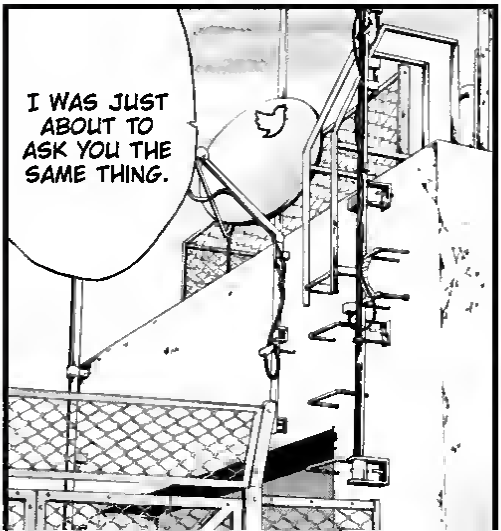
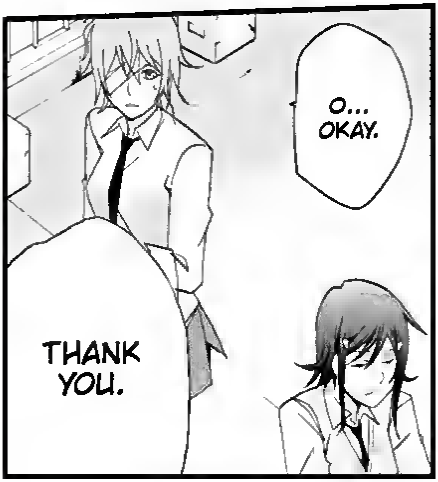
HAA (SIGH)

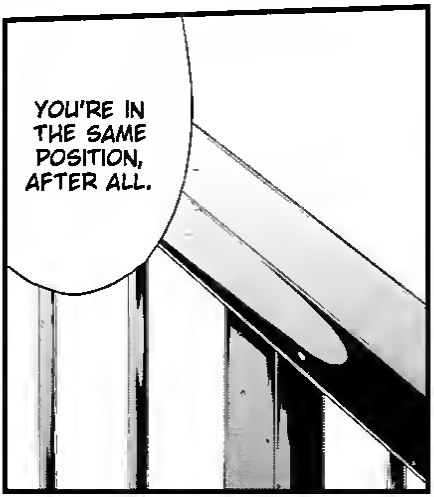
KUNIKIDA-SAN.....!?


I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING.

THEIR PITY IS NOTHING BUT A BOTHER...
EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT, EVERYONE TIPTOES AROUND ME.
I CAME TO THE ROOFTOP BECAUSE I WANTED SOME TIME TO MYSELF AFTER SCHOOL, AT THE VERY LEAST.
AND YET...
I.....I'M SORRY.
BA (FWIP)
I..... I'LL...
...GO SOME-PLACE ELSE, OKAY?
.....

I DON'T REALLY CARE EITHER WAY.


O... OKAY.
THANK YOU.


YOU'RE IN THE SAME POSITION, AFTER ALL.

...GOD.

MAYBE KUNIKIDA-SAN IS NICER THAN I THOUGHT...

TCH!
NOPE, SCARY AFTER ALL...
THEY'RE ALL TRYING TO FIND ENTERTAINMENT IN OTHER PEOPLE'S MISERY...
...WHO THE HELL DO THEY THINK THEY ARE?
OH.....
HERE YOU GO!
EH.....?
THAT'S RIGHT! I ALMOST FORGOT.
GOSO
GOSO

I'VE BEEN CARRYING THEM AROUND SINCE YESTERDAY.
BUT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED WITH MITOMO, I FORGOT TO PASS THEM ALONG TO YOU.
OUR LOCKERS ARE RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER, Y'KNOW.
FAN LETTERS ADDRESSED TO ME!?
SOMETHING SIMILAR'S HAPPENED BEFORE, REMEMBER?
!?
HOW COME YOU HAVE THEM?
THEY WERE MISTAKENLY LEFT IN MY SHOE LOCKER.

ポロ
PORO (DRIP)
グス
GUSU (SNIFF)
グス
GUSU
WHAT'RE YOU CRYING FOR!?
WHOA, HEY!
ボソ
BOSO (MUMBLE)
...EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT, I HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING FAN LETTERS.
HUH?
.....
...EV...

I'VE BEEN WONDERING .....
PETA (SLUMP)
...IF MAYBE MY CAREER AS AN IDOL IS OVER...
HAAH...

DO YOU REALLY NOT GET HOW FORTUNATE YOU ARE TO BE IN A POSITION TO SAY THAT?

ARE YOU A MORON?

HOW LUCKY YOU ARE JUST TO BE ALIVE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

THINKING LIKE THAT...
...IS INCONSIDERATE TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES.
DON'T GET ME WRONG.
KUNIKIDA-SAN...

I MADE AN EXCEPTION THIS TIME, BUT.....
SU (SWSH)
...I STILL DON'T TRUST ANYONE OTHER THAN MYSELF.

UNTIL WE KNOW WHO THE GUILTY ONES ARE, DON'T COME TRYING TO TALK TO ME.

.....

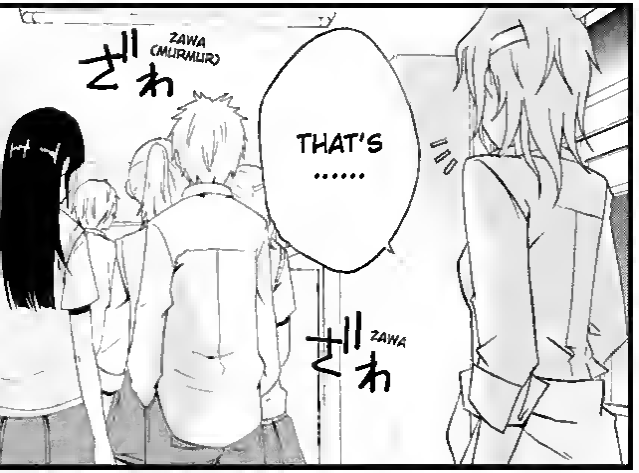
KA (CLACK)
LATER.

KYAAAAA!
K..... KUNIKIDA-SAN!
GYU (SQUEEZE)
ABOUT THE BUS ACCIDENT...
WHAT IF.....

WHAT WAS THAT?
.....
SOMEBODY JUST SCREAMED, RIGHT?
.....
EH?
SANADA-KUN!
YOU GUYS...

WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM ABOUT?
I'M NOT SURE.....

LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING HAPPENED NEAR OUR OLD CLASSROOM!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ZAWA (MURMUR)
THAT'S .....
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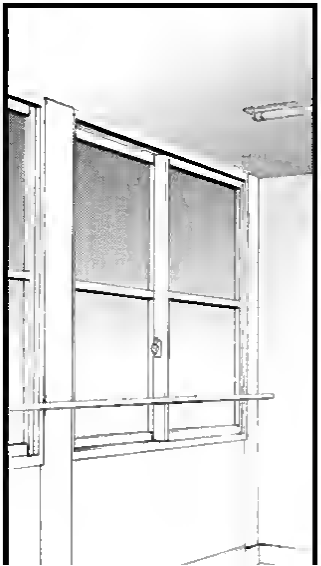
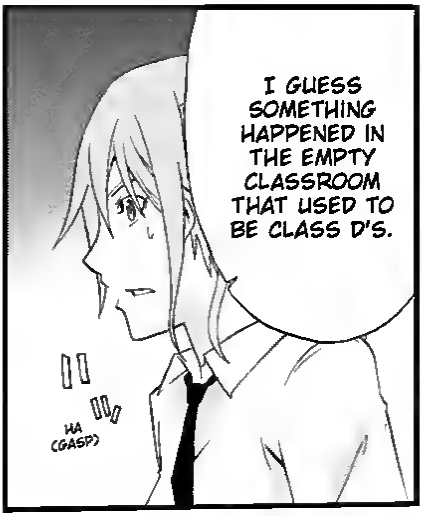
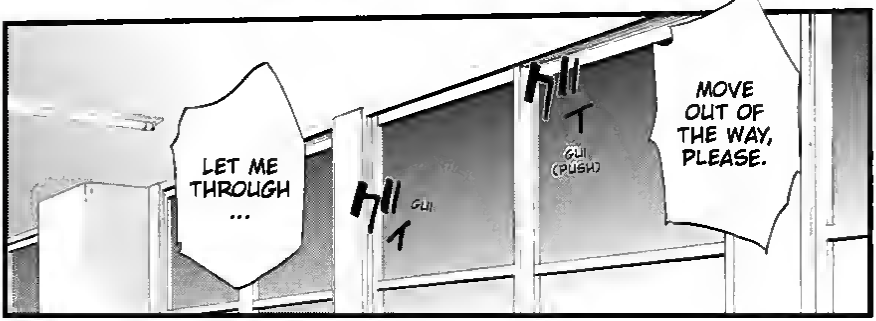
ZAWA




I GUESS SOMETHING HAPPENED IN THE EMPTY CLASSROOM THAT USED TO BE CLASS D'S.
HA (GASP)

WHAT'S GOING ON?
DUNNO.

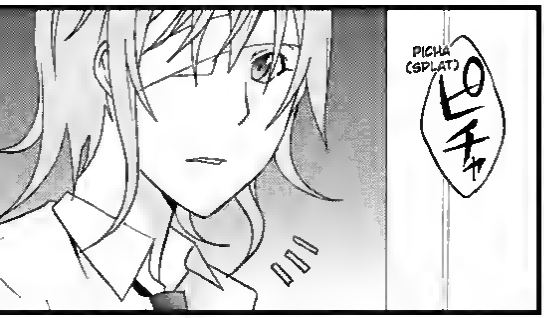

LET ME THROUGH ...
GUI
GUI (PUSH)
MOVE OUT OF THE WAY, PLEASE.

AMANO-KUN... SHIMA-KUN...
RIKA-CHAN...

BA (DART)

.....

WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?


PICHA (SPLAT)
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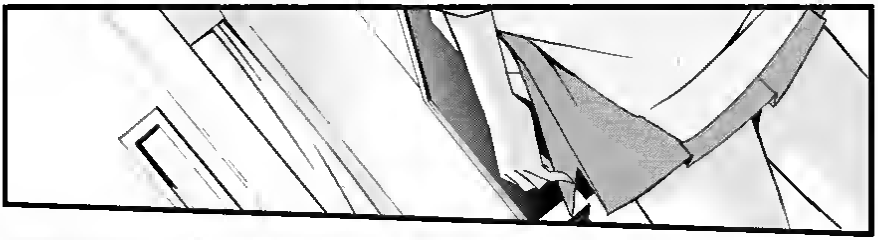

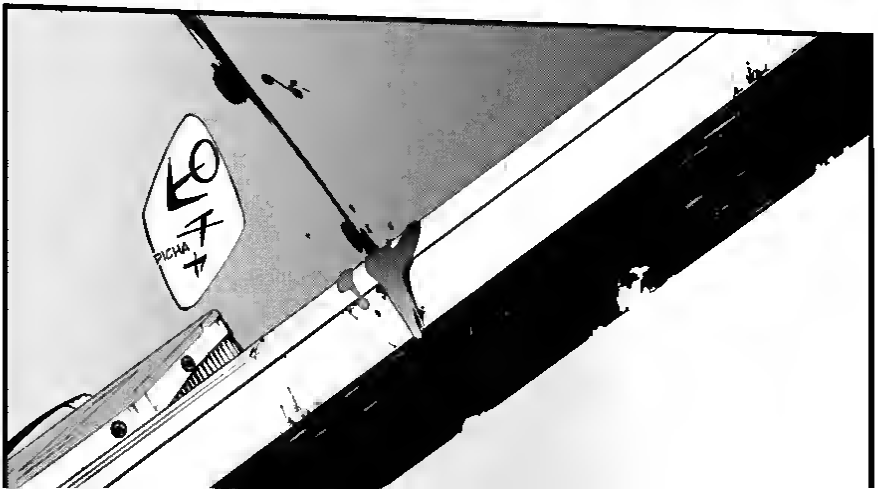
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PICHA

お前の罪を知っている
BOARD. I KNOW YOUR SINS.
SINS .....?
!
PICHA (SPLAT)

BOARD: I KNOW YOUR SINS.

SINS .....?
!
PICHA (SPLAT)

O.....
ODZU-KUN ...?

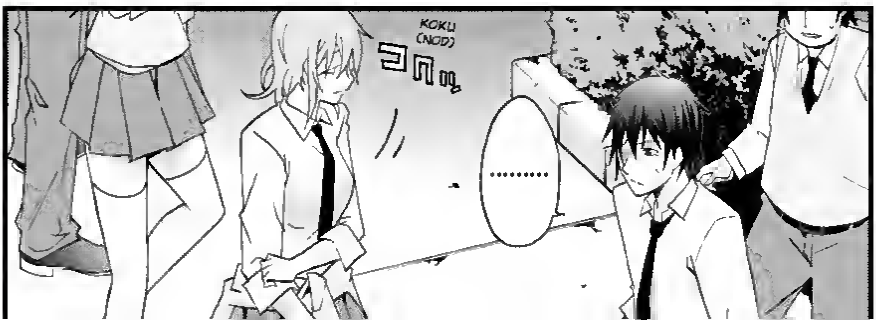
GARA
(RATTLE)
CAN YOU HEAR ME!?
GARA
HANG IN THERE. WE'RE TAKING YOU TO A HOSPITAL.
I'LL ACCOMPANY HIM THERE.

BATAN (SLAM)
THE REST OF YOU, QUIT STANDING AROUND RUBBER-NECKING!

I'LL LEAVE EVERYTHING ELSE TO YOU AND THE OTHER TEACHERS.

ZAWA
ZAWA (MURMUR)
...FOR TODAY, HURRY UP AND GO HOME!

WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS IN HOMEROOM TOMORROW ...


KOKU (NOD)
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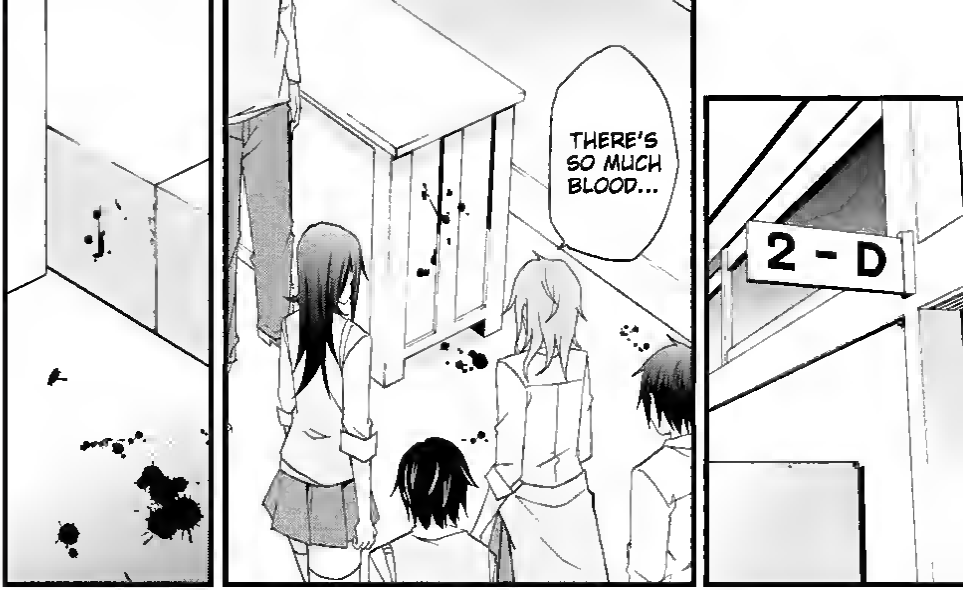
THERE'S SO MUCH BLOOD...
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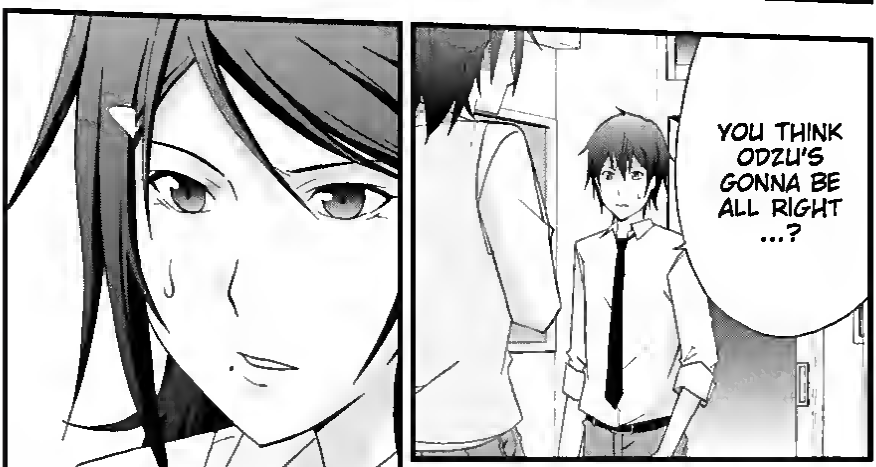
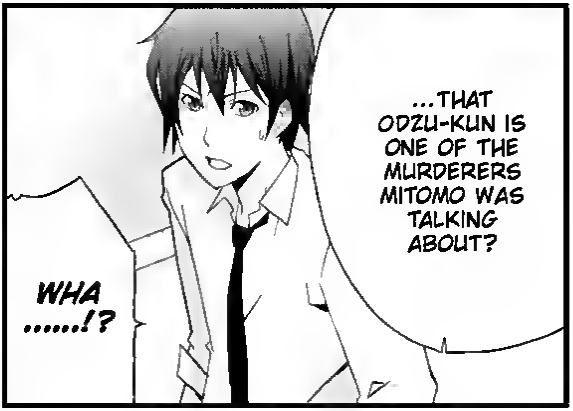
WHO WOULD DO SUCH A HORRIBLE THING.....?


YOU THINK ODZU'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT ...?

BOARD: I KNOW YOUR SINS.



I DON'T ...
...ARE WE SUPPOSED TO MAKE OF THIS?
WHAT ELSE...

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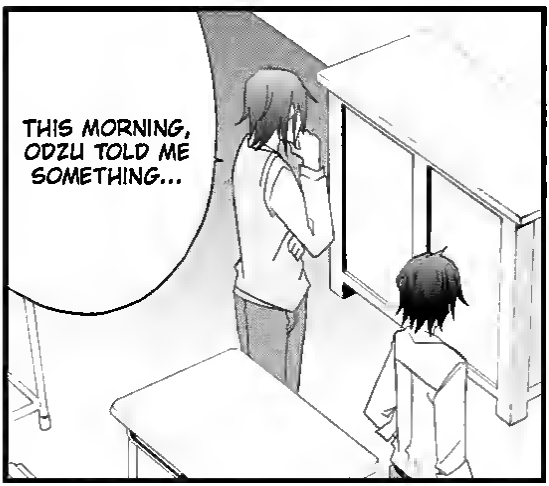
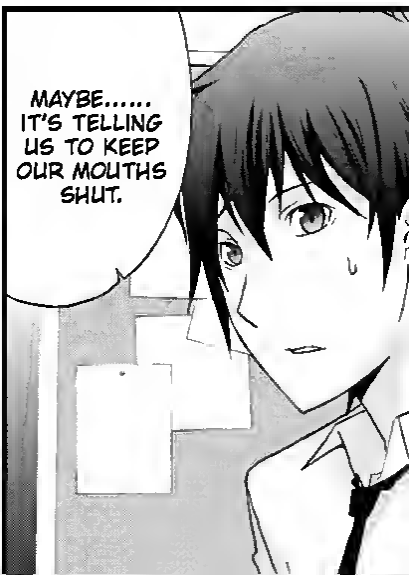

THIS MORNING, ODZU TOLD ME SOMETHING...

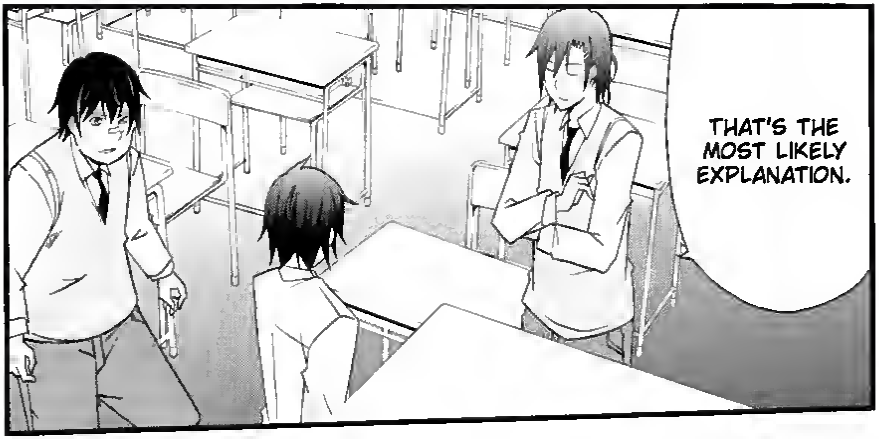

MAYBE..... IT'S TELLING US TO KEEP OUR MOUTHS SHUT.

ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF SOMEONE...
...WHO IN THE CHAOS OF THE BUS ACCIDENT WAS MURDERING PEOPLE.

BA (DART)
H-HOLD ON A MINUTE!

WHAT IF THAT PERSON HEARD US TALKING AND ATTACKED ODZU TO GET RID OF THE ONLY WITNESS?

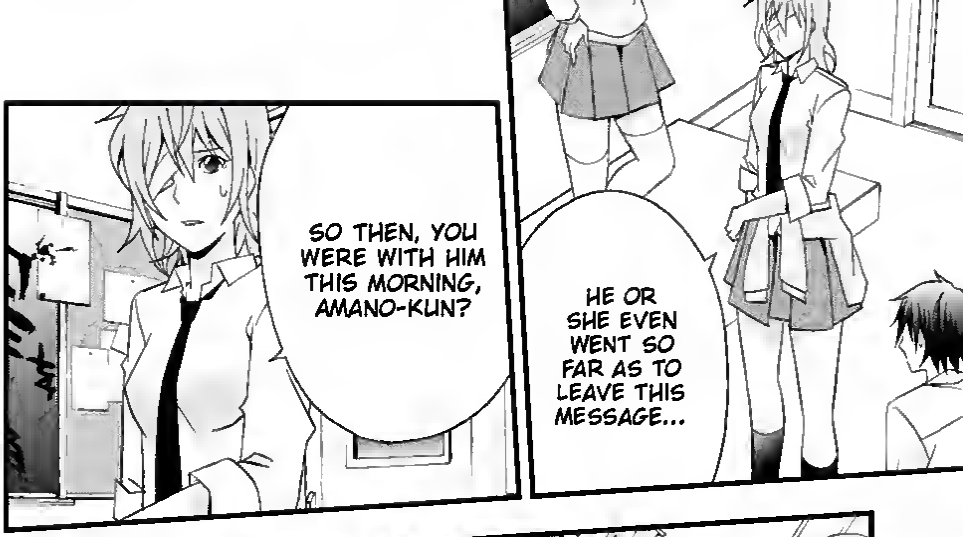
...EVERYTHING MITOMO WAS SAYING IS TRUE AFTER ALL.....?
YOU MEAN...
THAT SOME OF US ARE MURDERERS ...
...AND ONE OF THEM ATTACKED ODZU?


THAT'S THE MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THERE'RE REALLY THREE MURDERERS, LIKE HE SAID...
...BUT THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THERE'S AT LEAST ONE.

...WHO COULD IT BE?

BUT THEN.....



IF WE CAN RETRACE ODZU'S STEPS, WE MIGHT COME A LITTLE CLOSER TO UNCOVERING THE IDENTITY OF THE KILLER.
.....I SEE WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT.

SIGN. INFIRMARY

SANADA, YOU MUST KNOW WHAT HE DID AFTER THAT, RIGHT?
BUT...
.....THE TWO OF US WERE DOING OUR LESSONS IN THE INFIRMARY, SO...
...I LEFT BEFORE CLASSES STARTED.
AT FIRST MITOMO-SENSEI WAS THERE, AND IT WAS THE THREE OF US...
...I WAS WITH HIM ALL MORNING.
...BUT AFTER HE GAVE US SOME HANDOUTS TO WORK ON, HE WENT OFF SOMEWHERE.

WELL, I ASKED IF HE WANTED TO HAVE LUNCH WITH ME, BUT HE TURNED ME DOWN.

SO THAT WAS IT FOR THE MORNING?

.....

AFTER THAT, HE JUST NEVER CAME BACK, SO I ASSUMED HE MUST'VE DITCHED AND LEFT SCHOOL EARLY...

COME TO THINK OF IT...

THAT CERTAINLY SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING HE'D DO...

...RIGHT BEFORE HE LEFT THE INFIRMARY...
...IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS TEXTING ON HIS PHONE, SO MAYBE HE HAD PLANS TO MEET UP WITH SOMEONE...?
IS THAT TRUE?
THEN...
...MAYBE WHOEVER ASKED ODZU-KUN TO COME MEET THEM WAS.....
YOU WERE THE LAST PERSON TO SEE HIM, RIGHT?

...AND ATTACKED HIM?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
WHA.....
THAT'S ABSURD...
THEN WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO CALLED HIM OUT TO CLASS D...

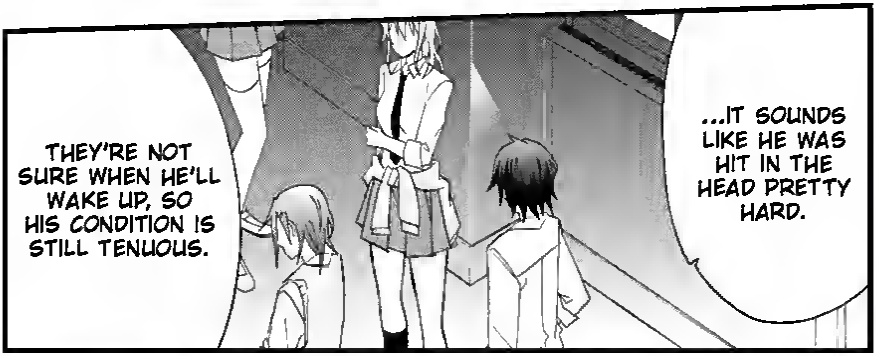
WHAT THE...? YOU ALL...
...SUSPECT ME?
IT'S TOO SOON TO BE DECLARING THAT SANADA'S THE ONE RESPONSIBLE.
HOW COULD YOU THINK I'D DO SUCH A THING!!?
BA (SHOUT)

WHETHER OR NOT SANADA'S TELLING THE TRUTH...
AMANO.....
...IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT BY LOOKING AT ODZU'S CELL PHONE.

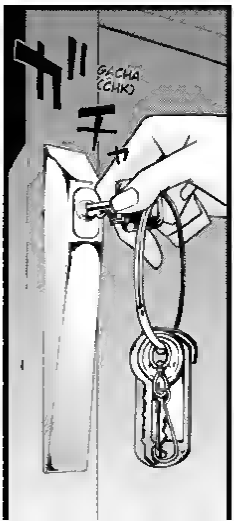
IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO TELL US WHEN ODZU WAS ATTACKED...
...AS WELL AS WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS!

BABA-SENSEI.....
WHAT'RE YOU ALL DOING IN HERE!?
WHAT'RE YOU KIDS THINKING...?
DON (SHOVE)
I TOLD EVERYONE TO STAY OUT OF THERE!
HOW'S ODZU?
SENSEI!

.....BUT...
...THAT HIS LIFE IS NOT IN IMMEDIATE DANGER...
I JUST HEARD FROM MITOMO-SENSEI...


THEY'RE NOT SURE WHEN HE'LL WAKE UP, SO HIS CONDITION IS STILL TENUOUS.
...IT SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS HIT IN THE HEAD PRETTY HARD.

MITOMO-SENSEI WILL BE BACK SOON.


GACHA (CHK)

OH NO...

KA-CHACK
YOU ALL NEED TO GO HOME ALREADY.
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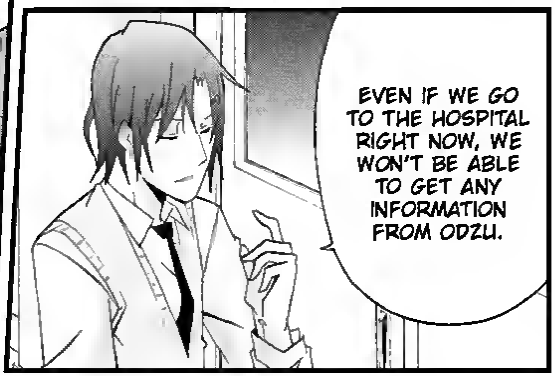
LET'S DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO SEE ODZU WITH MITOMO TOMORROW.


EVEN IF WE GO TO THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET ANY INFORMATION FROM ODZU.

THERE'S NO POINT IN US HANGING AROUND HERE ANY LONGER.

WE SHOULD CALL IT QUITS FOR TODAY.
SEE YOU TOMORROW ...
KA (CLACK)
カ!!

スッ
SU
(FWIP)
.....AN E-MAIL?
=PEEP=
=PEEP=
=PEEP=
Edit
Search
Now
Tsuyoshi Odzu
No subject.
Yesterday
Mom
Good job.
EH.....?
Tsuyoshi Odzu
No subject.

PI (BIP)
THEY SAID HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS .....
ODZU'S SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW.
PIKU (TWITCH)
WHO COULD'VE WRITTEN THIS...?
No subject.
I saw everything you did.
Tomorrow, I'll reveal what you've done to everyone.
If you don't want them to find out,
everyone.
If you don't want them to find out, kill Mitomo.

...“KILL MITOMO.”
IT SAYS TO...
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
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GASA (RUSTLE)
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IF ONLY I HAD GRABBED ODZU'S CELL PHONE BACK THEN...

SHIT.....
JAPAN

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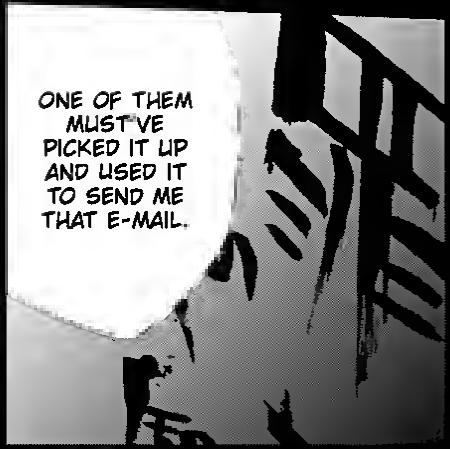
ONE OF THEM MUST'VE PICKED IT UP AND USED IT TO SEND ME THAT E-MAIL.

PIKU (TWITCH)
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WHATEVER.
ONCE I'VE KILLED MITOMO...
...I'LL FIGURE OUT WHO IT WAS.
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE SECRET...

カ
KA
(CLACK)
...I'LL KILL AS MANY PEOPLE AS IT TAKES.
カ
KA
CLAMILE
JAPAN
SIGN: INFIRMARY
保健室
.....

KATA (RATTLE)
KATA
LOOKS LIKE MITOMO'S BACK.
!?
FU (FLICK)
ALL THE OTHER TEACHERS HAVE GONE HOME ALREADY.
KA (CLACK)
GARA (SLIDE)

BIWIE
CHICK
CHICK
NOW'S MY CHANCE.....
DIE...!!

GA (WHACK)
.....!?
PIGHA (SPLAT)
DIE!
DIE!
DIE!
DIE!

GASHI (GRAB)
GAN (WHAM)
!?
DIIIE!!
HAA
HAA (PANT)
DOSA (THUD)
.....!

YOU'RE NOT MITOMO .....!?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, SANADA!!?
KARA (CLANK)
YOU ATTACKED ME BECAUSE YOU MISTOOK ME FOR MITOMO-SENSEI .....?
HAA (PANT)

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
SU (SHE)
!?
D.....
DON'T ...!

YOU.....

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.....
YOU.....
WAS IT REALLY YOU WHO ATTACKED ODZU?
GOTO (CLUNK)

CHAPTER 5 SELF-REPROACH

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ANSWER ME!
GU
GU
GU (SHOVE)
ARE YOU THE KILLER ODZU SAW?
WHAT DID YOU DO ON THAT BUS...!?
IT'S NOT MY FAULT...

HE'S THE ONE TO BLAME.
.....
WHO...?
...HADN'T SAID THAT.....
IF ONLY HE.....

DON (BUMP)
AAH.....!
.....WHOA!
GURA (LUCK)
S— SORRY!
SAYING SORRY DOESN'T MAKE IT ALL BETTER! THANKS TO YOU, MY CLOTHES ARE DRENCHED!
YOU WANT TO USE MY HANDKERCHIEF ...?
HUNH?

(GOSO-)
(RUSTLE)
SHOOT... WHERE'S THE COFFEE?
I'LL USE MY OWN!
GOD! YOU'RE SO DENSE!
DID IT ROLL OFF SOMEWHERE ...?
SU (SCOOT)
SHIMIZU-KUN... I'M SORRY!
I'LL GO GET YOU ANOTHER ONE RIGHT AWAY!
HEY, HURRY IT UP ALREADY!

BE MORE CAREFUL.
AND IF IT'S NOT UNSWEETENED, RYOU-CHIN'S GONNA LOSE IT AGAIN.
G-GOT IT...
JOKER
DON'T TELL ME THAT WAS THE LAST ONE?
WHAT'M I GONNA DO...
UNSWEETENED... HUH? THERE AREN'T ANY...
GARA (CLANK)

NIKO (SMILE)
TOONO-SAN.....
SU (SHF)
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THIS?
IF I TAKE HIM SOMETHING ELSE, HE'LL...
B-BUT...
IT'S FINE. YOU'D BE DOING ME A FAVOR.
I WAS TRYING TO LOOK COOL BY TAKING AN UNSWEETENED ONE...
...SO KEEP IT A SECRET THAT I GAVE IT TO YOU, OKAY?

HMMM .....
THANK YOU...
...HAVE YOU GOT A THING FOR TOONO?
BY ANY CHANCE...
SAY, SHIMA.
FIRST I'M HEARING OF IT! SERIOUSLY?
WHA... WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

N-NO. I'M TELLING YOU, I DON'T...
HUH... SO THAT'S YOUR TYPE?
IF YOU LOOK CLOSE, SHE MIGHT ACTUALLY BE KINDA HOT.
OHH?
THEN YOU WON'T CARE IF I TAKE HER, RIGHT?
HUH...?
I'LL MAKE HER FALL FOR ME WHILE WE'RE ON THIS TRIP.

PLAIN GIRLS LIKE HER USUALLY AREN'T MY TYPE...
...BUT I'M BORED, AND IT'LL KILL TIME ON THIS TRIP.
TYPICAL RYOU-CHIN.
WHO KNOWS HOW MANY GIRLS YOU'VE MADE CRY! YOU GONNA SHOW OFF YOUR MAD SKILLS OR WHAT?
I'LL GIVE YOU A REPORT ON HOW IT WENT AFTERWARD.
AWW, DAMN! YOU'RE SUCH A DOG, RYOU-CHIN!
YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE.

ODZU...?
BA (DASH)
EVERYONE, GRAB ON TO SOMETHING!
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
GYU (GRIP)
WHY'S HE YELLING ALL OF A...
GA (TUNK)

THERE WAS NO CELL RECEPTION TO CALL FOR HELP...
...SO I WAS GOING OUTSIDE!

AFTER THE ACCIDENT, I WAS THE FIRST ONE TO COME AROUND...

.....

FU (CLIP)
SHIMA ...?

I WAS GOING TO SAVE EVERYONE...

DAMMIT ...!
DA (DASH)
DON (SLAM)
!?
WHAT'S THE POINT OF RUNNING AWAY NOW!?
BA (LUNGE)
WAIT!!
BAN (BANG)

I SAW YOU.
HUFF!
SHIMA .....
HUFF!

WHEN YOU AND ODZU WERE MOVING ALL THEM OFF THE BUS.

RIGHT UP UNTIL THE EXPLOSION, YOU WERE TRYING TO SAVE EVERYONE.

AMANO-KUN, KUNIKIDA-SAN, KONNO-SAN...
YOU AND ODZU SAVED ALL OF THEM.

YOU.....

BECAUSE YOU DID THAT INSTEAD OF ESCAPING BY YOURSELF...
BA (BURST)
...YOU NEARLY DIED!

BUT I WANTED TO SAVE THEM TOO!

I WAS JUST WATCHING YOU GUYS THAT WHOLE TIME...

GU (GRIP)
...BECAUSE HE HAD TO GO AND SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

TO SAVE EVERYONE... TO SAVE TOONO-SAN!

BUT...

SAY WHAT...?

UGH.....
GUNI (SQUISH)
?
YORO (WOBBLE)
WHA.....
WHAT JUST HAPPENED? THERE WAS A LOUD CRASH...

WHA...!? WHAT IS THIS!?
EEK .....!
THE BUS WAS IN AN ACCIDENT...?
TH.....
TOONO-SAN...
HA (GASP)

NH.....
OWWW ...
YORO (ST. GGER)
THANK GOD.....
I HAVE TO GET THEM OUT OF HERE...
I'VE GOTTA SAVE EVERYONE...

GU (PULL)
HEY, SHIMA.....
WHAT RE YOU SPACIN' OUT FOR...?
HURRY UP AND MOVE THIS!
SHIMIZU-KUN...

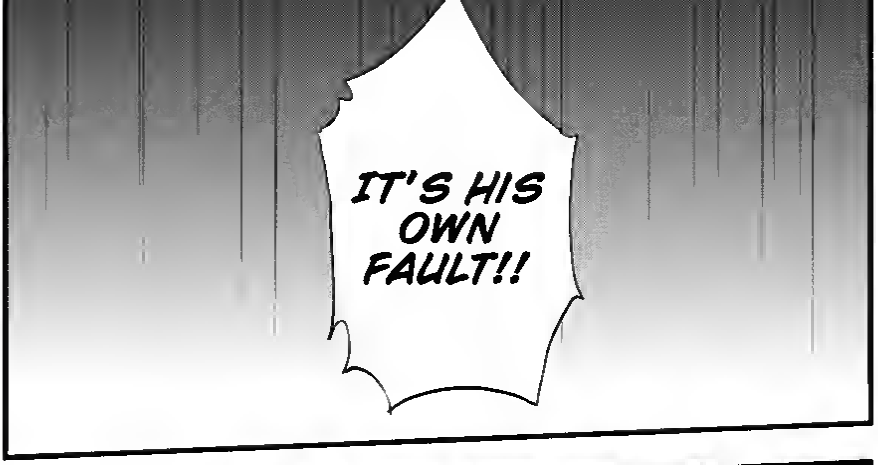
OKAY.....
I'M TOTALLY TRAPPED. I CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE.
SU (SLIDE)
C'MON, EASY NOW.
I'LL HAVE TO PAY YOU BACK FOR THIS...
MAN, I GUESS EVEN A GUY LIKE YOU CAN BE USEFUL NOW AND AGAIN.
...I KNOW! HOW ABOUT THIS?
GATA (CLANK)
IT'S FINE. YOU DON'T NEED TO...

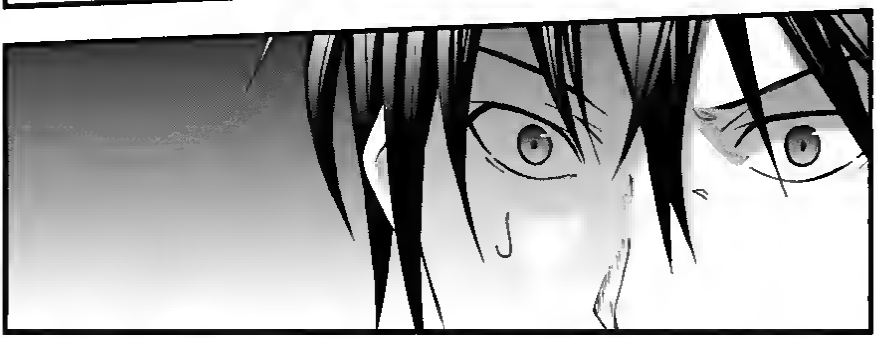
I'LL USE TOONO AND TOSS HER ASIDE LIKE A DIRTY RAG...
THE PERFECT PLAN, RIGHT?
WHA— WHAT RE YOU...?
...AND THEN YOU CAN PLAY THE KNIGHT AND SWOOP IN FOR THE RESCUE.
EVEN YOU GOTTA KNOW.
FOR A LOSER LIKE YOU...

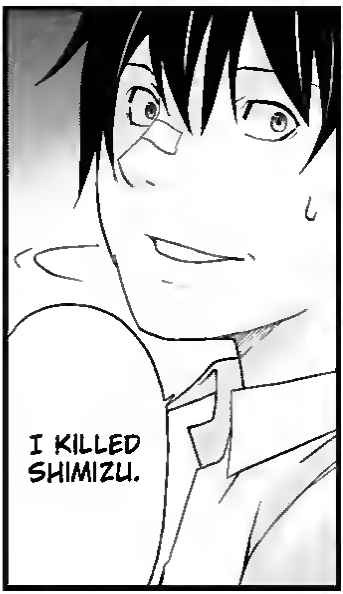
...IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL EVER GET A PRETTY GIRL LIKE HER.
DAMN... THAT IDIOT DRIVER...
...BUT STILL, WHAT AN AWFUL ACCIDENT.
I'M GONNA MAKE HIM PAY BIG TIME FOR THIS...
GARA (CLATTER)

SO YOU'D BETTER BACK ME UP WITH SOME SOLID TESTIMONY...

SHIMA...?


IT'S HIS OWN FAULT!!

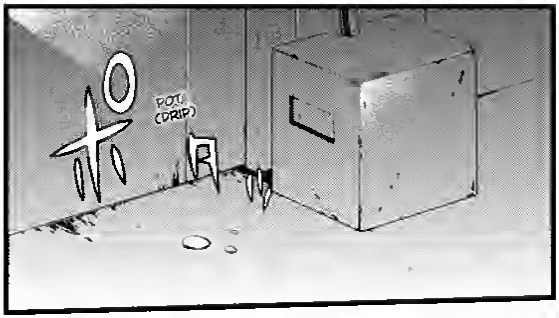



I KILLED SHIMIZU.

YOU...
...MEAN.....

SHIMA!?
I SMASHED HIS HEAD IN WITH SOME RUBBLE.
GASHA (RATTLE)
ODZU MUST'VE SEEN ME DOING IT.
SO I ATTACKED HIM, TO KEEP HIM QUIET...

BACK THEN...
...I THOUGHT IF I DID WHAT HE SUGGESTED ...
GU (GRIP)
...TOONO-SAN COULD BE MINE...
I'M HORRIFIED THAT I COULD EVEN CONSIDER SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
I WAS ASHAMED, SO I KILLED HIM!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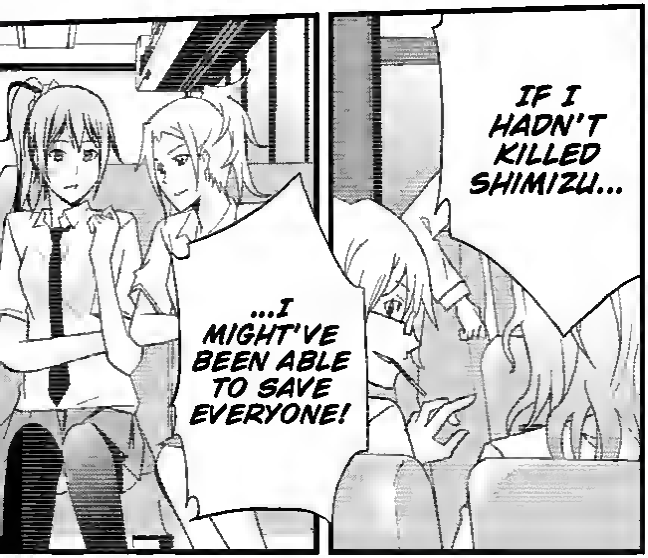
(DRIP)

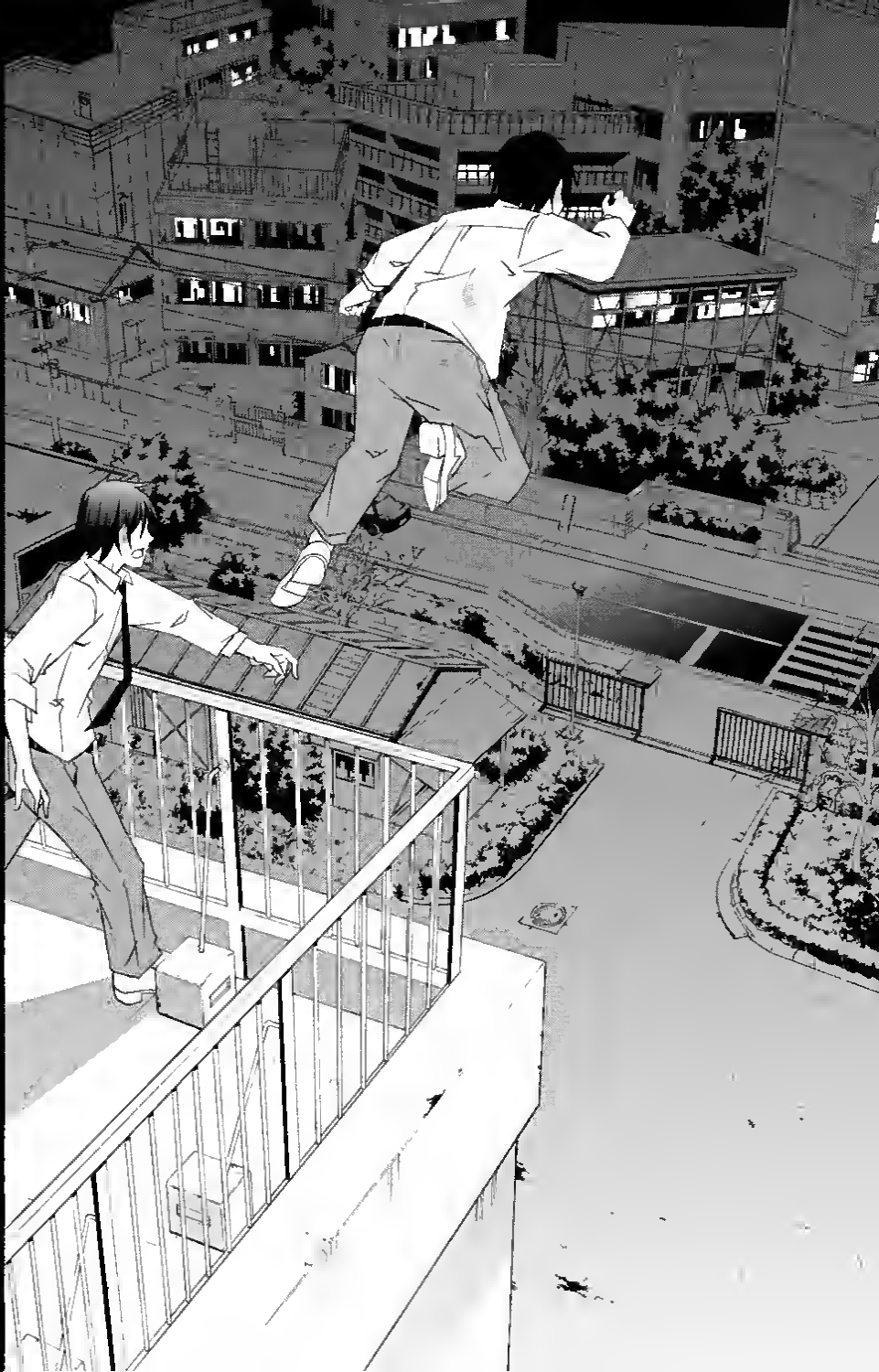

...I MIGHT'VE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE EVERYONE!
IF I HADN'T KILLED SHIMIZU...

MAYBE EVEN TOONO-SAN WOULD STILL BE...

SHIMA.....

KNOCK IT OFF.
YOU CAN'T THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY SO EASILY!
EVEN LESS SO IF YOU'VE TAKEN SOMEONE ELSE'S!
...SANADA?
...I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.
YOU HAVE TO LIVE TO MAKE UP FOR IT.

TYORO (WOBBLE)
.....!
I'M TIRED OF CARRYING AROUND THIS SECRET.
BA (LUNGE)
SHIMA AAAAA AAA!!



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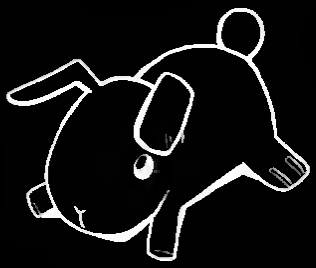

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